



TWO RIVERS COALITION
September 10, 2014 BOARD MEETING
Geneva Township Hall

Call to order: 6:04 PM

Attendees: Sam Ewbank, Kenneth Nesbitt, Tom Howe, Kevin Haight, Joe von Wahlde, Vic Bogosian, Dave Foerster (board members underlined)

Motion by Kevin Haight, seconded by Joe Parman to approve September 10, 2014 agenda as amended, all in favor

Motion by Kevin Haight, seconded by Joe von Walde to approve July 9, 2014 minutes, all in favor

Treasurer Report - Kenneth Nesbitt reported that TRC had a \$7,110.99 balance with \$1,014.00 in expenditures and \$32.50 in revenues.

Old Business

Watersheds Sign Project Update – Board held discussion on the phrase to be put on watershed sign and signs to be purchased for sale to public. General consensus: **“You are in the”** Black River or Paw Paw River Watershed.

Motion by Kevin Haight, seconded by Joe von Walde to approve the phrase “You are in the” (Black or Paw Paw River) for the watershed signs available for purchase to the public, all in favor

Motion by Kenneth Nesbitt, seconded by Kevin Haight to a purchase eight watershed signs, 2 Black River, 6 Paw Paw River, not to exceed \$800.00, all in favor

Celery Pond/South Haven Monitoring Grant, Sam Ewbank: TRC provide letter of support for the city of South Haven’s grant application for E. coli water quality monitoring grant. Board held discussion on the phragmites issue in the Celery Pond and a future management plan for pond and upstream tributaries.

Macro-invertebrate Stream Monitoring Grant, Volunteer Stream Monitoring Event – Kevin Haight – hand-out/outline provided: Event will be held on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at the Lawrence River Park, North Paw Paw Street. Event will be divided into two events; 9:00 a.m. session for training and collection of macro-invertebrates, and an afternoon session for species identification and education. Volunteers are needed for the event and are encourage too contact TRC.



Annual Meeting – December 10, 2014, Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence MI – Speaker will be Peter Bane, a permaculture teacher and author. TRC will also provide information and a slide show on the MI Corps stream monitor grant event.

New Business

Ox Creek EPA 319 Grant Proposal – Board held discussion on TRC’s support of the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy’s application for the EPA’s 319 grant and possible match. The grant application will focus on conservation of priority properties along the Paw Paw River needing protection, preservation and restoration along the rivers pristine corridor.

Motion by Kenneth Nesbitt, seconded by Joe von Walde for TRC to provide a financial match for the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy’s application for the EPA’s 319 grant in the amount of \$3,000 a year for three years totaling \$9,000; Roll-call vote, all in favor

Board Member Terms: Board held discussion on board member terms expiring or termed limited: Grant Poole and Joe von Walde’s terms are up with possibility to be re-elected; Tom Howe and Sam Ewbank’s terms expire according to TRC bylaws term limitations. Tom and Sam “...may not be reelected or appointed before at least one year absence from the Board.”(Article V. Board of Directors, E.) TRC will need to find new candidates for the board prior to the annual meeting in December. The board also held discussion on Kenneth Nesbitt’s office motion/appointment as Treasurer in 2014.

Motion by Kevin Haight, seconded by Joe Parman for Kenneth Nesbitt to be TRC treasurer for 2014, expiring on December 31, 2014, Roll call vote, all in favor

Announcements, suggestions, comments:

- 10-Dec TRC Annual Meeting VB Conference Center, Lawrence
- 12-Oct Volunteer Stream Monitoring Event, Lawrence River Park, 9:00 a.m.

Adjourned: 7:47 PM

Respectively submitted:
Joe Parman
TRC Secretary