



*An alliance of the Black River
and Paw Paw River Watersheds*

January Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday Jan. 15, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Called to order 6:07 PM

Attendance: Sam Ewbank, Kevin Haight, Kenneth Nesbitt, Dave Foerster, Kyle Boone, Joe von Wahle and Colleen Forestieri (board members underlined)

2. Agenda; Motion made by Kyle approved by Sam for Agenda as presented

3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:

Thur Jan 24- "Flow in the St. Joe", Meersman and Martin, Niles Lib at 6:30

Fri Jan 25- Mary Robinson on "Climate Justice" at WMU Dalton Center 7p.m.

Sat Feb 16- Water Ways Closing Expo at Niles Lib 2-6 p.m.

Sat Feb 16- meeting of Palisades Citizens Advisory Board @ SH library

Tues Feb 19- next TRC mtg

Thur Feb 21- Berrien Conservation District Annual Meeting -**Share on Facebook**

Wed Mar 27- Volunteer Appreciation Night w/ VBCD

Sunday May 5- Macro collection, I.D. Monday May 6

Sat Sept 7- Mich Sea Grant/CISMA paddle workshop on AIS

4. Treasurer's Report: Nesbitt.

*Note that we have now received check from Pete Boerma of \$741.23 for herbicide treatment

- **Discussion on sign and where to store on the treasurer's report. Comments about how it needs to be budgeted and not cash commitment. Motion made by Sam to eliminate the signs from the committed cash line item, Kyle seconds. Treasurer's Report approved, motion by Sam and Kyle seconded.**

5. Old Business:

A] Report from Kevin: Sierra Club, BCCD, and/or MSEF

1] Water pumping from Eagle and Crooked Lakes into Bass Lake

B] On-going grant projects:

CISMA:

1) Aquatic Invasive Species paddle workshop date set Sat Sept 7(Graham Ave BH)

2) Eagle Lake Assoc using biological treatment (native milfoil weevils) to address

- **Looking to hold paddle workshops with Marcy and Nor, to get people trained to ID invasive from kayaks.**

Eurasian Milfoil problem

3) Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) paddle survey on lower PPR



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C] New grant projects: PPR/BR Watershed Management Plans Update, Ox Creek **319**

FwF grant for E. coli testing

- 1) E. coli project: Further discussion costs, findings, and next steps; Erin doing map
 - **Kyle analyzed the data and discussed. Discussion on continued testing? Kyle and Kevin this we need more data points to make a case.**
 - **A report still needs to be written and advocacy efforts – Health Department, drain commissioner, etc.**

D] Non-grant projects: VSMP, PPRWT, River Rescue

1) PPRWT- East portion of VB County: PP Township voted to participate and pay their 1/3 for the segment from MLD to 40th St. IF Waverly Twp and PP Village also joined in. Village voted 4-3 not to participate. West portion of VB County: Hartford Twp, Hartford City, and Pokagon Band have approved. Waiting to hear from Lawrence Twp. and Village.

West portion of Berrien Cty: Watervliet City has agreed per manager.

2) Kevin to attend 100 Women Who Care on Jan. 16 to ask for their support of PPRWT.

3) Water Cabinet Meeting in Lansing for water efforts – Kyle attending.

E] Letter to WMU re David Karowe; thank you letters to silent auction donors; thank you letters to all 2018 TRC donors – Colleen working on those.

F] PPR National Wild and Scenic River status- meeting being set up by Pokagon Band – **might wait until Park service reposts status?**

6. New Business

- A. Paw Paw River Poker Paddle fundraiser w/ Hartford Fire Dept – **TRC is interested in hearing more about this fundraiser and helping with logistics, if possible. No firm commitment yet.**
- B. Possible meeting with Great Lakes Pilot Association and Gov. Whitmer (and TRC) - **interested in a letter of support from TRC in making sure rules/regs to help control ballast water are in place. Waiting to see if there is more discussion.**
- C. Concern by B/SH HWTA member that tree clearing is changing hydrology?
- D. Elect new officers for 2019; fill 2 board vacancies. **Kevin elects Sam to a 3-year term by the board of directors. Dave made a motion to reelect all the same officers to the same terms (Bettem Joe, Kenneth & Kevin). Joe supported. We need more member, work on it people!**

7. Speakers/Events/Projects in 2019

Ryan Postema of COL; Patrick Ertel of MDNR; guy from S. Bend re storm drain

8. Adjourn 7:55 PM