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**Board Meeting Minutes
Geneva Twp. Hall
Tuesday July 16, 2019 6:00 p.m.**

Call to order: 6:05 pm

Attendance: Kevin Haight, Kenneth Nesbitt, Kyle Boone, Joe Parman, Bette Pierman, Dave Foerster (board members underlined)

Treasurer's Report, Nesbitt: Hand-out provided, attached

Motion by Bette, seconded by Kevin to accept July 2019 Treasurer's Report, all in favor, motion carries.

Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.: Board discussion of...

Mon/Tues July 22-23 -Oak Wilt workshop 3 times/locations

Wed. July 24 – Van Buren Conservation District Annual Meeting Picnic

Fri. July 26 - Cardno JF New Open House, nursery, Walkerton, IN

Sun. July 28- Prairie Fen Paddle Trip w/ MNA; 9-12 and 1-4 p.m., RSVP Kevin Haight

Sat Aug. 3- PPR Poker Paddle with Hartford Fire Dept. **CANCELLED**

Sat Aug 10 – Nor from CISMA: Paddle with a Naturalist, Watervliet to Coloma, 10:00-1:00

Mon Aug 12- SWMLC hosting Climate Resiliency at Kellogg Bio Stat.

Sat. Aug 24 – Ox Creek clean-up

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

Thur. Sept 12 – Healthy Home Fair

Sat Sept 14- Black River Paddle

Sun Oct. 6-Fall Macro collection, ID on Monday Oct. 7

Thur Nov 7- TRC Annual Meeting: Keynote by Ryan Postema of COL, Evolution of SW Mi river ecosystems

Sat. Aug 24 – Ox Creek clean-up: Marcy, SWMPC is setting-up clean-up sites and press release, will need around 30 volunteers. Bettie proposed that TRC help with purchase of gloves, trash bags, etc...

Motion by Bettie, seconded by Dave for TRC to help with purchase of gloves, trash bags, etc... up to \$200.00 for the Ox Creek clean-up, all in favor, motion carries.

Report from Pierman - Sierra Club, BCCD, and/or MSEF:

On-going grant projects: PPR Riparian/Ox Creek, CISMA, Mill/Pine Creeks 319.

CISMA, VB CD: Saturday, September 7 (Graham Ave BH) series of naturalist paddles being planned; Aquatic Invasive Species paddle workshop. Two-part workshop; class session in a.m., lunch and afternoon paddle. Register on-line.



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

Watershed Plan Updates, Kevin: Agricultural field survey of summer tillage practices in PPR S. Branch and Mill Creek done in July 2019. Field survey's again in November for Fall tillage practices

E. coli testing project: Kevin attended Van-Cass Health Department Board meeting in June. Kevin went over the two years of collection data and maps with the board. The board asked if TRC was making a recommendation at this time. TRC will come back with data and possible recommendation after the third year of collection and data is completed. Two testing days will be performed in 2019, one rain day and one dry day. Kevin need 100ml & 500ml collection bottles.

Non grant projects: VSMP, PPRWT, River Rescue, TRC Paddles

PPRWT: July 30th is the next water trail meeting. Three contractors were out clearing/opening trail the week of July 6th. SWMPC will be putting up tailhead signs this summer and working on a water trail usage survey. There are 22 documented launch sites along the PPRWT.

TRC Paddles: See Announcements for dates.

PPR National Wild and Scenic River status- Kyle: No update currently

Kyle, Pokagon Band update: Pokagon band is securing Tribal EPA 319 grant funding for 2020, \$20,000 in Paw Paw River watershed.

New Business

Sat Aug. 3- PPR Poker Paddle with Hartford Fire Dept. is **CANCELLED**

SWMLC hosting mtg on climate resiliency at K.B.S.

Paw Paw District Library, Prairie and Rain Garden: Contact with director, John Mohney. Board to work with and/or library on improving prairie & rain garden, i.e. remove invasive species, more education and signage.

Next Board meeting will be August 20th: This will not be a formal Board meeting. The Board will revisit watershed plans, problem sites, strategic plan, etc... to see if TRC is still meeting the goals of the watershed groups and plans.

Adjourn 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Joe Parman, TRC Secretary

Attachment

Treasurer's Report

2019 Jul Meeting

A. Resources Available	At Jun 30	At Jan 1	Receipts	Ckg Acct	PettyCash	PayPal	Jun 30 YTD
Cash - Checking Acct	\$ 15,574	\$ 12,192	Membership/Contributions	1,012		25	\$1,037
Cash - Petty Cash Acct	\$ 45	\$ 55	Grants & Reserved	2,620			\$2,620
Pay Pal Acct	\$ 799	\$ 775	Fundraiser, Signs, Tshirts				
Total Resources	\$ 16,418	\$ 13,022	Total Receipts	\$3,632		\$25	\$3,657
Less Cash Committed	\$ (3,652)	\$ (1,032)	Disbursed				
Resources Available	\$ 12,766	\$ 11,990	Fees Speakers				\$250
			Dues & Memberships	250			
Chg In Resources	Jan-Jun	Available	Meeting Supplies				
Bal Jan 1	\$13,022	\$11,990	Cost Signs-Tshirts				
Recd	3,657	1,037	Insurance & Bonds				
Disb	(261)	(261)	Fees Supplies Other			10	\$11
Bal Jun 30	\$16,418	\$12,766	Water Tests				
			Conference				
			Total Disbursed	\$250	\$10	\$1	\$261

B. Cash Commitments

Project	Total Projects	Ox Creek 2016	FWater Grant	Ox Creek 2019	VBBCD Grant
TRC Project No.		16.05	18.01	19.05	19.06

Status	Active
Cash Committed - Current	\$ 5,152
Expended To Date	\$ 1,500
Cash Set Aside	\$ 3,652
Cash Needed to Complete	\$ -

C. In Kind Commitments

Project	River Rescue	Macro Invertebrate	Stream Crossing	RCPP	BMP	GrLkComm Coop Invasive Species	Pine Mill Creek
TRC Project No.	15.01	15.02	15.03	15.04	15.05	15.06	15.07
Status	In Process	Active	Active	???	???	???	Yr 1 of 3 In Process

In Kind Committed - Current	\$ 526	\$ 2,300	\$ 500	???	\$300	\$1,000	\$250
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D. Annual Reports

IRS Form 990 - Due May 15th
SOM NP MAR - Due Oct 1st