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**Board Meeting Agenda
Geneva Twp. Hall
Tuesday June 19, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to order, 6:05

Present: Dave Foerster, Bette Pierman, Kyle Boone, Joe Parman, Kyak Kenneth and Al Hartline

2. Minutes of Apr 17 and May 15 Regular Meeting-corrections/approval:

Motion by Bette, seconded by Kyle to approve April 17, 2018 minutes as presented, all in favor, motion approved.

Motion by Bette, seconded by Kyle to approve May 15, 2018 minutes as presented, all in favor, motion approved.

3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:

July- Series of community paddles on PPR

HARTFORD- Sat July 14	WATERVLIET- Sun July 15
COLOMA- Sat July 21	RIVERSIDE- Sun July 22
LAWRENCE- Sat July 28	PAW PAW- Sun July 29

July 25 (Wed) - AJ Brucks to speak on 5 yrs of VSMP data at VBCC - Coffee, cookies, and socializing at 6:30 and program at 7:00.

Aug 4 (Sat)- River Rescue w/ VBCC. Need leaders.

Sept. 12 (Wednesday)- VBCC Conservation Fair Ely Park Hartford. TRC invited.

Sept 15- Community paddle on Black River w/ SWMLC and B/SH HWTA???

Sept 30-VSMP (Need leaders); identification on Oct.1

Nov 8 TRC 10th Annual Meeting NEW DATE! – Kevin to contact David Karowe as guest speaker

4. Treasurer's Report, May - Nesbitt, Handout provided: \$50 in Membership/Contributions and \$82 in Disbursements

Motion by Dave, seconded by Bette to approve TRC's annual membership for Freshwater Future for \$100 and River Network annual dues for \$150, all in favor, motion carries.

5. Old Business:

A] Report from Pierman re: Sierra Club (co-host films?), BCCD, and/or MSEF: 3 short environmental documentary Films. TRC may sponsor screening at the Lawrence, Van Buren ISD Conference Center
Berrien County Conservation District Farm Day: July 10th, 5-9, Taper Hill Winery – Flyer provided

B] Haight to continue to work on by-law changes, Directorship type organization

C] Pint Night fundraiser: \$80 from The Livery, \$55 in donations, \$135 total



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6. New Business/Projects/Funded Grants

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

CISMA: Nor Serocki presented before PPR paddle.

Ox Creek: Grant period has been extended to end of 2018. Haight attended meeting on Wed June 6th, new website to showcase redevelopment concept for mill/creek.

Pine/Mill: Still a possibility of coordinating what we do under our FwF grant with VBCD on its grant. Septic committee meeting on July 12th at VBCC from 10-12. Green festival to highlight septic health/maintenance Sept 12th.

B] New grant projects: PPR/BR Watershed Management Plans Update –

1) Conservation District and MDEQ; Ground proofing GIS data for BMP practices, i.e. fall tillage and spring residue type. Haight attended meeting with partners and DEQ at VBCD on June 19.

2) E. coli sampling: TRC has received a \$1500 grant from Freshwater Future to be used between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. Final report due July 31, 2019. There will be 2 rounds of sampling during wet and dry events on both rivers.

Motion by Dave, seconded by Kevin to approve TRC to supplement the remainder of the grant e.coli sampling up to \$1,500, all in favor, motion carries

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

1) PPRWT- Plans moving forward for community paddles. 3 articles in Herald Palladium on Sunday June 10 about TRC, water trail, PPR in general, Colleen's work with VBCD, etc. Bids received from contractors but water too high. Per Rick R. \$5,000 each from Coloma Twp., Watervliet Twp., Coloma City, and Watervliet City for 2018 trail maintenance.

Guest, Al Hartline addressed the board about a possible "adopt a river" section just like a highway for river cleanup on the Paw Paw River. Board thought it was a great idea but they don't currently have a program like that and there is a certain amount of training that may be involved.

2) River Rescue. Still need PPR segment leaders to lead groups of paddlers. B/SH HWTA not able to participate.

D] Speakers: AJ Brucks to speak on VSMP data on Wed July 25 at VBCC; Ryan Postema of COL agreed to speak on date TBD; no response yet from WMU prof David Karowe re climate change and lakes.

7. Adjourn 8:15 p.m.