

Two Rivers Coalition

Minutes of meeting on Mar. 8, 2017 at Geneva Twp. Hall.

Called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present: Haight, Pierman, Nesbitt, Boone -- NO QUORUM; NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Minutes of Feb. 8 still not presented or approved as Joe Parman's computer was not working.

Treasurer's report by Nesbitt presented but could not approve because we had no quorum.

Old Business:

Pierman reported on Orchard Mall redevelopment stakeholders meeting. There was general agreement by board that no need for TRC to continue to attend these Orchards Mall redevelopment meetings.

Ox Creek project: Haight reported on meeting with Marcy and Nancy Carpenter of BCCD. Wetlands field day being planned for June (Matt Meersman to speak?)

TRC Board Members still need to experiment with the website "In Memoriam" donations to ensure everything is working correctly.

Still awaiting update on the Pine/Mill Creek 319 Grant with VB CD from Colleen. Red Arrow Dairy Monitoring?

Paw Paw River Water Trail: Haight reported on recent presentations, status of project. TRC submitted letter to Hagar Township in support of their application for MNRTF grant. Kevin gave presentations to: Lawrence Village/Twp meeting 1/24; VB Supervisors 2/23; Lawrence/other fire departments 3/2. He reported that we are still having issues with road commissions and emergency first responders in VB and BC.

Septic Meeting status – Erin Fuller?

New Business:

Discussion re: Sierra Club resolution concerning Palisades Nuclear Plant and whether TRC should sign resolution. No action taken.

Confirmed the electronic vote taken to endorse Freshwater Future comments re: Nestle.

Discussed the E. coli presentation scheduled for Wed., March 15 and where to meet for dinner in SH beforehand.

TRC submitted letter of support to Village of Paw Paw for their grant request to install universal access kayak launch at Sunset Park on Maple Lake.

Community Pint Night event scheduled for The Livery in Benton Harbor on Thursday May 18 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Paddle event on lower PPR will occur beforehand with participants meeting at Graham Ave boat launch in B.H. at 2:30. We still need to submit additional information to the SOM to be qualified for raffle license. We are still looking at scheduling something with Arclight in Watervliet for some time during the summer after some of the woody debris management has occurred.

TRC Annual Meeting date has been confirmed with the VBCC for Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

Discussed Freshwater Future grants of \$500-\$3,500. Spring cycle deadline March 31.

River Rally 2017 May 8-11 at Amway Grand in Grand Rapids. Haight reported that TRC received \$250 scholarship from River Network to attend. Haight will attend at least one day and other board members are encouraged to attend. Kevin Haight paid the \$50. Application and TRC still owes \$239. Need to look at the website for schedule of events.

Kris Martin has gotten sign-ons from 44 municipal districts.

There is interest in a future paddle on section of the PPRWT with the Pokagon Band.

Trail Town Project booklet?

SWMLC Portman Nature Preserve on Sat., May 20

Sam Ewbank is coordinating with PJ Chmiel re: art/logo for T-shirt design.

Bette and Kevin will be working on re-design and updating the TRC rack card.

Discussion of request to MDEQ by Harbor Shores to alter wetlands along cart path on 18 hole. Haight to follow up with Joe VonWalde.

Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.