

Two Rivers Coalition
May Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2017

Attendance: Kevin Haight, Sam Ewbank, Bette Pierman, Dave Foerster, Paul VanderBosch, and Colleen Forestieri

1. Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm
 - a. Minutes from April's meeting were approved.
 - b. Discussion on level of detail on minutes – motions that are passed and supported should be documented, so we have details when we look back at meeting minutes.
2. Discussion on meeting minutes that still need approval. Dave said he would investigate further. Missing minutes need to be approved at the next meeting or as soon as they are found.
3. Announcements:
 - May 8-11- River Rally in G.R. – no one is attending on Thursday.
 - May 12- St. Joe River Basin workshop at Fernwood
 - May 18- PPR paddle 3pm, followed by Community Pint Night at The Livery 5-8:00 p.m.
 - May 20- Portman Preserve Boardwalk presentation at 9am. Self-guided tours 9am-3pm.
 - June 1- public hearing re waterfront overlay district, 7:00 p.m. at PP library
 - June 21- Wetland Field Day with BCCD in evening
 - June 24- Workday at Portman Preserve
 - July 21- Cardno Native Plant Nursery open house/field trip
 - July 27- VBCD annual picnic
 - Aug 5- River Rescue
 - Oct 1- Fall macro collection, I.D. on Oct. 2
 - Oct. 14- joint paddle on Black River w/SWMLC and B/SHHWTA
 - Oct. 14- Grand Opening for Portman Preserve
 - Dec 13- TRC 9th Annual Meeting
4. Treasurer's Report: Kenneth will not be here, says very little activity to report
 - a. In Memoriam contributions: \$250, however this amount went into a different account controlled by Dave Foerster. Dave accidentally put funds in wrong account and wrote a personal check of \$250 to TRC on 5/10/17. Donations seem to appear in the TRC "store". Discussion on who to use donated money – could be used for future projects like collecting State E.coli samples, as discusses at Molly Rippke's discussion a few months back.
 - b. Additional \$500 of charges in April – believes that was from membership dues as well as River Rally fees, ect. More discussion next month.

5. Old Business/Projects/Funded Grants:

A] River Rally- Bette and Kevin attended Tues and Wed. No one attending Thursday . Bette and Kevin discussed about some of the presentations they attended. Talk on Huron Water trail may be helpful for PPRWT ideas.

B] PPR/Ox Creek with SWMLC and SWMPC- 1] wetland field day June 21 (Matt Meersman to speak), Ox Creek/lower PPR clean-up TBA. Nancy Carpenter will try to get someone to speak about restoration for petroleum. TRC will publicize. Betty Pierman plans on attending.

C] In memoriam donations page now up and running? See 4a

D] VSMP- Very good volunteer turnout. Need more leaders if all sites are collected in the future

E] Paw Paw River Water Trail (PPRWT) – Marcy soliciting contractor bids for summer work. Letter received from Larry Hummel at VBRC – They will not allow signs to promote where to access the river for the PPRWT, needs to be part of the “uniform traffic control manual” to be allowed on VBC roads. Met w/ BC Parks Brian Bailey – looked at kayak launch site and it seems to work.

F] Waterfront Overlay District- should TRC submit letter of support (by May 24) – Village of Paw Paw’s Assistant Manager, Sarah Moyer-Cale has asked for support of the plans that affect parcels within 100 ft. of Maple Lake or branches of the Paw Paw River and focuses on the effects that land use has on water quality improvement. Paul motioned to have Kevin write a letter to support the Village’s proposal for the Waterfront Overlay district, Dave supported the motion.

6. New Business

A] Dave/Colleen report on RCPP meeting. Colleen went into a long explanation on the RCPP project and how the partners are doing what they can but that MI NRCS needs help with the application process. The meeting was about how the district staff can help NRCS get growers enrolled into the program.

B] Paddle/Pint Night Fundraiser May 18- Third Coast donating \$5 per rental and kayak/paddleboard rental gift cert. for \$90 (silent auction). Livery donating \$1 per beer from 5-8. Kevin showing PPRWT Powerpoint. Colleen and Bette said they would help sign people in.

C] Sam report re T-shirt progress? PJ is busy and there is not much progress on the shirts.

D] Consider adding Kyle Boone to open board member seat – The board has agreed to appoint Kyle to be a board member. They will see if he is interested at the next meeting.

E] Dave and Casey Sons presentation on the sedimentation and contamination that occurs with the Maple lake draw downs. They are proposing that TRC writes a letter of support opposing the lake draw down based off the fact that the Village and the DEQ are not collecting proper data which potentially would show the dangers of contamination of heavy metals in the resuspension of sediment. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:48 pm

Notes taken by Colleen Forestieri