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## Board Meeting Agenda

Geneva Twp. Hall

Tuesday May 15, 2018 6:00 p.m.

**1. Call to order; introductions; agenda additions and/or corrections.**

**2. Minutes of Apr 17 Regular Meeting-corrections/approval.**

**3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:**

May 22-23- Michigan Water School at WMU, 2 day workshop. \$175.

May 25 SH-LMC environmental conference. **Anyone available put out TRC materials?**

June 14- PPR paddle and Pint Night; 3:00 paddle, Livery 5:00-8:00

June 19 (Tues) - next TRC meeting

July 14,15, 21, 22, 28,29- Series of community paddles on PPR

July 25 (Wed) - AJ Brucks to speak on 5 years of VSMP data at VBCC

Aug 4-River Rescue w/ VBCD

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

Sept 30-VSMP; identification on Oct.1

Nov 14- TRC 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**4. Treasurer's Report: Nesbitt.**

**5. Old Business:**

**A] Reminder to distribute rack cards to libraries, etc.**

**B] Report from Pierman re: Sierra Club, BCCD, and/or MSEF**

**C] Sam re T-shirt accounting.**

**D] Haight to continue to work on by-law changes.**

**E] Report on Clean Water Summit (5/9) and SJRBC symposium (5/11)**

**CWS: Jon Allan gave keynote re SOM water strategy.**

**SJRBC: Melissa Widhalm of Purdue Center for Climate Change Research gave excellent presentation on local/regional effects of climate change; Matt compared PPR to Elkhart river; Kieran Fahey from S. Bend explained how use of high tech in storm water system will save city \$500 M.**



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## **6. New Business/Projects/Funded Grants**

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

**Haight met w/ Erin and Colleen re Mill/Pine. Their grant requires sampling and sniffer dogs. May be able to collaborate or use TRC volunteers.**

**Nor Serocki (VBCD/CISMA) will present re boat decontamination at a community paddle.**

**B] New grant projects: PPR/BR Watershed Management Plans Update, Ox Creek 319, Hall Park Invasives**

**C] Non grant projects: VSMP, PPRWT, E. coli monitoring, River Rescue**

**PPRWT- Plans moving forward for community paddles.**

**E. coli monitoring- Waiting to hear about grant request to FwF. Back-up plan is to approach VBCD.**

**D] Ann Baughman of Freshwater Future has asked us to consider consultation services offered by FwF re: strategic planning, board development, fundraising planning, marketing strategy, advocacy strategy and general membership kinds of issues. \$125/hour but subsidized rates as low as \$25/hour possibly available.**

**E] Speakers:**

**AJ Brucks to speak on VSMP data on Wed July 25 at VBCC; Ryan Postema of COL agreed to speak on date TBD; Bette has suggested WMU prof David Karowe re climate change and lakes, possibly at LMC/SH, Haight sent him an email.**

**F] 10<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting on Wed Nov 14**

## **7. Adjourn.**