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and Paw Paw River Watersheds

**TWO RIVERS COALITION  
OCTOBER 12, 2011 BOARD MEETING  
GENEVA TOWNSHIP HALL**

**Call to order:** 7:10 p.m.

**Attendees:** Dave Foerster, Sam Ewbank, Kenneth Nesbitt, Joe Parman, Nancy Edwards, Matt Meersman, Grant Poole, Dick Curtis (Board members underlined)

**Motion** by Matt Meersman, seconded by Nancy Edwards to approve September 14<sup>th</sup> minutes, all in favor

**Treasurer's Report:** Matt Meersman, hand-out provided; Net Income of -\$580.40, Total Assets \$9,110.20

**Motion** by Joe Parman to approve October 12, 2011 Treasures Report, all in favor

**Old Business:**

**Phosphorus Ban Update** – Dave Foerster: An advertisement was placed in the Harold Palladium education the public on the Phosphorus Ban county and statewide. The grant from Freshwater Future for Phosphorus education and outreach will be officially closed upon completion of the grant report.

**Future Grant/Funding Possibilities:**

- **Freshwater Future** –
  - o Asian Carp, education and awareness projects
  - o Adapt to Climate Change, education and outreach projects

**Black River Habitat Tour** – Nesbitt, Tour is set for October 22 at Garvey property, 69201 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Geneva Township. A walking tour and canoe trip are planned for the public for education on the project. Hot dogs, beans, apples and cider will be provided by TRC.

**Annual Meeting** – Discussion was held on a possible honorarium for the speakers at TRC's annual meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> to help offset mileage, time and accommodations. Free TRC membership will be offered again this year for attending annual meeting. Annual elections will be held for board members with two board seats needing filled, one being Treasurer.

**Motion** by Matt Meersman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenneth Nesbitt authorizing a \$100 honorarium for each speaker at TRC's annual meeting December 14, 2011, all in favor



### **New Business:**

**Celery Pond, South Haven:** Celery Pond Advocates have several projects slated to improve the wetland qualities of the Celery Pond. JF New is working with the group to reduce the abundance of cattails and replace them with a better diversity of wetland species. The group is also looking for sponsors to help with phragmites removal. It was suggested that TRC could contribute \$1,000 toward their efforts. The board had several concerns: The area with the phragmites is on private property and the owners have not officially committed to the project. The proposed project type may be beyond TRC's goals and financial abilities. Subject was tabled pending future discussion.

### **Schedule of coming events:**

Oct 18 – Maple Lake winter drawdown – Public hearing, 7:00pm at Paw Paw Township Hall  
Oct 22 – Explore Black River Habitat – Maps and directions at [http://TwoRiversCoalition.org/br\\_tour.asp](http://TwoRiversCoalition.org/br_tour.asp)  
Dec 14 – TRC Annual Meeting at Lawrence Conference Center

Adjourned - 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Joe Parman, Secretary