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**TWO RIVERS COALITION  
August 8, 2012 BOARD MEETING  
Geneva Township Hall**

**Call to order:** 7:23 p.m.

**Attendees:** Dave Foerster, Joe Parman, Kenneth Nesbitt, Sam Ewbank, Frank Jurenka, Nancy Edwards, Marcy Colclough, Suzann Flowers, Matt Meersman, Erin Fuller

Motion by Kenneth Nesbitt, Seconded by Nancy Edwards to approve July 11, 2012 minutes, all in favor

**Treasurer's Report** – Kenneth Nesbitt – No change in Fund Balance since July Treasurer's Report

Paw Paw District Library Signs – Board Member were presented with hand-out, computer image of the TRC sponsored educational signs for the library. Grand Opening with be August 25, 2012.

**September 12, 2012 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting, Guest Speaker** - Peter Sinclair, "Climate Change in Michigan: Where do we go from here?" Meeting with be at the Van Buren Conference Center, 490 South Paw Paw Street, Lawrence, MI 49064. Workshop will qualify for 2 continuing education credits for MSU Extension Master Citizen Planner Course. Suzann Flower, Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, SWMPC offered to design event flyer and notify SWMPC partners and contacts. Partners of event will me Freshwater Future, MSUE and SWMPC. Refreshment will be provided.

**Annual Meeting** – Board discussion was held on possible topics and speaker for TRC's Dec 13, 2012 Annual Meeting. Possible speakers include Tom Springer, St. Joe and Matt Meersman, Van Buren Conservation District Wetland Project.

Van Buren Conservation District, Erin Fuller – Updated "Landscaping for Water Quality" booklets were presented by Erin Fuller. Discussion was held to see if TRC was interested in order booklets for educational material handouts. Booklets will cost no more than \$.47 each depending on total number ordered.

**Motion** by Joe Parman, Seconded by Kenneth Nesbitt for TRC to order 500 "Landscaping for Water Quality" booklets, not to exceed \$.47 each, all in favor

**Watershed Boundary Signs** – Frank Jurenka: Images of possible sign designs were displayed and discussion was held on the size of the signs, road visibility and selection. It was suggested that a cardboard mock-up of the two designs be made so they could be set-up along a road for final decision. Pricing by one vendor was presented for \$107.00 per sign at 30 signs.

**Foundry Hall Event, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012**– This will be a fundraiser for the Celery Pond Advocates for preservation, restoration and education of the celery pond coastal wetland in South Haven. Entertainment will be Bob Malone, CCR's keyboardist. Discussion was held on cost for event, hall rental and entertainment.

**Motion** by Kenneth Nesbitt, Seconded by Sam Ewbank to approve \$75.00 for liquor license and Sam Ewbank to submit application to LARA, all in favor – Roll call form



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**Motion** by Kenneth Nesbitt, Seconded by Same Ewbank to approve \$225.00 for Foundry Hall Rental, all in favor – Roll call form

**Friends of the Kal-Haven Trail, Suzann Flowers** – The Friends are interested in partnering with TRC on educational events that involve promoting the goals of both TRC and Friends of the Kal-Haven Trail. Discussion was held on a Paddle-Walk-N-Roll event in June of 2013.

**Upcoming Events:**

September 1<sup>st</sup> - Foundry Hall Event – TRC Fundraiser – Frank and Joyce Walker with the outcast Band

October 26<sup>th</sup> - Celery Pond Advocates Fundraiser – Foundry Hall – Bob Malone

December 13<sup>th</sup> – TRC Annual meeting – Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by, Joe Parman, Secretary