



*An alliance of the Black River
and Paw Paw River Watersheds*

**TWO RIVERS COALITION
FEBRUARY 8, 2012 BOARD MEETING
GENEVA TOWNSHIP HALL**

Call to order: 7:07 p.m.

Attendees: Dave Foerster, Sam Ewbank, Kenneth Nesbitt, Joe Parman, Matt Meersman, Joe von Wahlde, Tom Howe, Marcy Colclough, Erin Fuller, Kris Martin, Peter Terlouw, Grant Poole (Board members underlined)

February 8, 2012 Agenda approved as amended, all in favor

Moved by Kenneth Nesbitt to approve January 11, 2012 minutes, all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Kenneth Nesbitt, hand-out provided, Total Assets \$11,104.84

Motion by Sam Ewbank to approve January 2012 Treasures Report, Joe von Wahlde, all in favor

Water Quality Monitoring Grant, Marcy Colclough – TRC Outreach, City of South Haven Grant with FTC&H engineering for E. coli monitoring in the Black and Paw Paw River Watershed, Pine & Mill Creek and Black River. A number of sampling sites were cut from Grant due to funding limitations. Discussion was held on the possibilities of TRC's sponsoring sampling sites or further grants for more funds needed.

Motion by Tom Howe, 2nd by Sam Ewbank to apply for water quality grant monies through Entergy Corporation toward watershed sampling sites, all in favor

Foundry Hall Event, South Haven, MI – TRC will sponsor Liquor License for June 23rd event at Foundry Hall with all sales proceeds going to TRC fundraising.

Motion, Roll Call Vote by Tom Howe, 2nd by Sam Ewbank to fund Liquor License in the amount of \$75.00 for June 23, 2012 Foundry Hall event, all in favor

Jimmy F. New Foundation, Joe von Walde: The Jimmy F. New Foundation, founder of JFNEW sponsors environment stewardship grants for individuals and groups to promote stewardship of the environment. Joe von Walde offer to apply for a grant through the Foundation to bring in quarterly speakers for TRC Board meetings.

Motion by Joe von Walde, 2nd by Sam Ewbank to approve Joe von Walde to write grant proposal for TRC from the Jimmy F. New Foundation, environmental stewardship in the amount of \$2,000 toward speakers for TRC Board meetings, all in favor



Strategic Planning for 2012 – Hand-outs provided: Review was held of TRC’s Strategic Plan goals and objectives for 2012.

Motion by Joe von Walde, 2nd by Tom Howe to approve TRC’s Strategic Plan 2012 as amended, all in favor

Schedule of events:

- Mar 1 – Low Impact Development Workshop
- Mar 3 – Landscaping and Gardening Workshop
- Mar 3 – Quiet Waters Symposium
- Mar 14 – Invasive Plant Species Presentation (at TRC Board meeting)
- Mar 18 – Lee’s Adventure Sport Paddle on the Paw Paw
- Mar 28 – Michigan Watershed Summit

Adjourned - 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Joe Parman, Secretary