



**TWO RIVERS COALITION
JANUARY 9, 2013 BOARD MEETING
Geneva Township Hall**

Call to order: 6:07 p.m.

Attendees: Dave Foerster, Tom Howe, Joe Parman, Kenneth Nesbitt, Joe von Wahlde, Kevin Haight, Carl Bouton, Erin Fuller, Matt Meersman, Dan Denov, Gaye Blind, Bette Pierman, Marcy Colclough

TRC Strategic Planning Session - The Board reviewed and updated TRC's strategic plan for 2013. Goals and desired outcomes were updated for each committee. Final report will be available on TRC's website for review. Individuals who would like to join a committee or start a new committee should contact Dave Foerster.

Treasurer's Report – Kenneth Nesbitt - handouts provided

Motion by Dave Foerster to approve Treasurer's Report as of all in favor

Annual Meeting Summary –

69 attendees/64 signed in; Election of Board of Directors – 42 ballots: Frank Jurenka and Joe Parman elected to second terms, and Carl Bouton elected to first term.

Board of Directors Term Limits – The Board discussed term limits and the fact that three Board of Directors term limits will expire in 2013. Dave Foerster suggested that since his term limits will expire at the end of the year that there should be a transition to a new president. Board members discussed the possibility of amending the bylaws to change Board of Director term limits and requirements. Discussion was tabled until next meeting for further research and comments.

Election of Officers for 2013: **Motion** by Kenneth Nesbitt to elect current slate of officers and seconded by Joe von Wahlde, all in favor (Roll Call Vote). Dave Foerster –President, Sam Ewbank – Vice President, Kenneth Nesbitt – Treasurer and Joe Parman – Secretary

2013 Quarterly Presentations and Speakers – Possible topics: Water Quality, Climate Change (SWMPC), the Conservation District's wetlands tool, Planners for protecting wetlands and MSUE speaker. The added goal would be to have presentations count toward MSUE's Citizen Planner credits. Kenneth Nesbitt suggested Tara Kneeshaw as possible guest speaker on the geology of Southwest Michigan. Tara is an assistant professor of Geology at Grand Valley State University.

Annual Meeting Maps – Joe von Wahlde suggested that TRC reimburse the SWMPC for the paper used on the large maps printed for annual meeting. **Motion** by Joe von Wahlde and seconded by Kenneth Nesbitt for TRC to reimburse SWMPC for the paper used on maps for annual meeting in the amount of \$55.00.

Web Site Update – Motion by Nesbitt to authorize up to \$500 for LIAA development costs to implement a blog module on the TRC web site; second by Haight. All in favor.

Announcements:

-Wetlands at Work: Protecting & Restoring Wetlands for Clean Water – January 31st. 3-5 p.m. Sarett Nature Center, Benton Harbor and 7-9 p.m. Lake Michigan College, South Haven

Adjourned 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Joe Parman, Secretary