



**TWO RIVERS COALITION
MARCH 13, 2013 BOARD MEETING
Thirsty Perch Grille, South Haven**

Call to order: 7:04 p.m.

Attendees: Dave Foerster, Tom Howe, Joe Parman, Kenneth Nesbitt, Joe vonWahlde, Sam Ewbank, Grant Poole, Erin Fuller, Chris Bauer, Colleen Forestieri, Gaye Blind, Geoffrey Cripe, Bette Pierman, Marcy Colclough

Motion by Sam Ewbank, seconded by Joe von Wahlde to approve February 13, 2013 minutes, carried

Treasurer's Report – Kenneth Nesbitt – summary provided

Old Business

Library Project – Signage update – Donors name on first sign were updated due to spelling error. Prairie grass sign is due for completion in summer of 2013. Library Board would like a TRC Board member to sit on Buildings and Grounds Committee, TRC Board member to be determined.

June 12, 2013 Presentation Plan – Topic will be on Fracking and will be a forum style meeting with a mediator. The meeting will be held at the Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence. A new Fracking Committee was setup consisting of Tom Howe, Betty Pierman, Joe von Wahlde and Same Ewbank.

Celery Pond Fundraiser – Phragmites removal – Cardno/JFNew will start chemical treatment in August-September and will achieve 50-80% kill off in 2-3 years. Celery Pond Advocates will be holding fundraiser on June 29th at the Foundry Hall in South Haven. Board held discussion on \$2,000 donation to Celery Pond clean-up but tabled discussion until further questions could be answered. Discussion was held on possible Celery Pond Committee within TRC for future projects and protection.

New Business

TRC representation on Berrien County Solid Waste Planning Committee – Bette Pierman is an active member in Berrien County. Motion by Sam Ewbank, seconded by Tom Howe to approve Bette Pierman to be a TRC representative on the Solid Waste Planning Committee in Berrien County, motion carried.

Ox Creek TMDL – Chris Bauer – MDEQ & EPA – MDEQ will be developing a TMDL on the Ox Creek for total suspended solids (TSS) and sources of impaired stream banks and storm water quality and quantity. MDEQ would like to partner with TRC to address issues beyond the standard TMDL's.

Watershed Signage – Signs are still being designed for size and bolts location for mounting.

Announcements:

December 11, 2013 - TRC Annual Meeting – Van Buren Conference Center in Lawrence

July 24, 2013 – Van Buren Conservation District Annual Meeting – Rainey Farms, South Haven

Adjourned 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Joe Parman, Secretary