



An alliance of the Black River
and Paw Paw River Watersheds

TWO RIVERS COALITION
November 12, 2014 BOARD MEETING
Geneva Township Hall

Call to order: 6:04 PM

Attendees: Sam Ewbank, Joe Parman, Grant Poole, Kenneth Nesbitt, Kevin Haight, Colleen Forestieri, Bette Pierman, Richard Curtis, Dave Foerster, Matt Meersman (board members underlined)

November 12, 2014 agenda approved as amended, all in favor

Motion by Joe Parman, seconded by Grant Poole to approve October 8, 2014 minutes, all in favor

Treasurer Report - Kenneth Nesbitt reported that TRC had a \$7,270.00 balance with \$200.00 in receipts.

Old Business

Volunteer Stream Monitoring Event, 10-12-2014 and MiCorps Review-Haight Forestieri
Event was well attended with 25-30 people dividing up into six groups. Volunteers participated in the stream portion of collecting inspects as well as the out of stream identification and sorting. The next step for TRC is to apply for full grant proposal through MiCorps. Colleen Forestieri, Kevin Haight and AJ Brucks also attended the MiCorps annual conference in late October at Higgins Lake.

The Board held discussion on partnering with the Conservation District and their Agricultural BMP program. The goal is to link the stream monitoring data with improved Ag BMP's to see if better water quality is achieved. As part of that partnership the Board also discussed the possibility of a "Adopt a Stream" program for clean-up and monitoring.

Annual Meeting – December 10, 2014

Board held discussion the agenda for the annual meeting, set-up starting at 6:00 p.m. Board members will be providing deserts for social time before the meeting. Marcy Colclough will start the meeting with TRC's accomplishments and review for 2014. Colleen Forestieri is the first guest speaker with a presentation on the MiCorps stream monitoring program and event. Peter Bane is confirmed as main speaker discussing Permaculture. Joe von Walde will be bringing native seed packets from Cardno for raffle during the event. The ballot for Board members will include Grant Poole and Joe von Walde. There are a total of three seat open for TRC Board.



Watersheds Sign Project Update – The Board confirmed the purchase of watershed signs, 5 Paw Paw River and 2 Black River.

Website – Google Analytics showed that TRC’s website had 224 new visitors and 16 return visits for the month of October. The Board held discussion on possible updates and editing of website to help generate more interest.

Announcements, suggestions, comments:

- 10-Dec TRC Annual Meeting VB Conference Center, Lawrence

Adjourned: 7:45 PM

Respectively submitted:
Joe Parman
TRC Secretary