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Board Meeting Agenda
Geneva Twp. Hall
Tuesday Apr.16, 2019 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to order;** introductions; agenda additions and/or corrections.
- 2. Minutes** of Feb 19 Regular Meeting-corrections/approval.
- 3. Announcements, events, deadlines, etc.:**

Friday Apr. 19-Salmon Release
Sunday May 5- Spring Macro collection, I.D. Monday May 6
Sunday July 28- Prairie Fen Paddle Trip w/ MNA; 12-4 p.m.
Sat Aug. 3- PPR Poker Paddle with Hartford Fire Dept.???
Sat Sept 7- Mich Sea Grant/CISMA paddle workshop on AIS
Sun Oct. 6-Fall Macro collection, ID on Monday Oct. 7
Thur Nov 7- TRC Annual Meeting

3.5. Discussion with Peter TerLouw of SWMLC about conservation efforts in both watersheds and possible conservation projects in current WMP updates.

4. Treasurer's Report: Nesbitt.

5. Old Business:

A] **Report from Pierman re:** Sierra Club, BCCD, and/or MSEF

B] **On-going grant projects:** PPR Riparian/Ox Creek, CISMA, Mill/Pine Creeks 319.

Ox Creek: Have been informed by SWMLC that grant has been closed out. Therefore, no need to continue to reserve funds in budget.

CISMA:

- 1) Date set, Sat, Sept 7 (Graham Ave BH) series of naturalist paddles being planned; Aquatic Invasive Species paddle workshop.
- 2) Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) paddle survey on lower PPR

C] New grant projects: PPR/BR Watershed Management Plans Update, Ox Creek 319, FwF grant for E. coli testing

Watershed Plan Updates: agricultural field survey of Fall tillage practices in PPR S. Branch and Mill Creek last week; Black River N. Branch and Great Bear Lake drain next week.



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E. coli project: Kevin has submitted application to VBCCD for a mini-grant of \$2,500 to help fund a 3rd year of testing; Kyle bringing mock-ups of graphics for poster board, Kevin presented E. coli testing data at Vol Apprec Night

D] Non grant projects: VSMP, PPRWT, River Rescue, TRC Paddles

PPRWT: Meeting on May 7; most municipalities have pledged to contribute; Marcy has sent out RFP's to contractors for 2019 work; Hagar Twp Kayak Park not yet approved

VSMP: macro collection on Sunday May 5, need team leaders (Kevin gone)

TRC Paddles: Kenneth to talk w/ BSHHWTA about joint BR paddle; Dan Burton to lead a joint TRC/MNA paddle hike on Sunday July 28 from 12-4 on Paw Paw Lake in Kalamazoo County; Kenneth possibly organizing a PPR TRC paddle

E] PPR National Wild and Scenic River status- Kyle

6. New Business

- A. Paw Paw River Poker Paddle fundraiser w/ Hartford Fire Dept- tentatively scheduled for Sat Aug. 3; Kevin needs to meet w/Mike Chappell
- B. Annual Meeting 2019: rooms reserved at VBCC for Thursday Nov 7; keynote by Ryan Postema of COL re evolution of SW Mi river ecosystems
- C. Kevin to attend Salmon Release on 4/19 and have a TRC table on macroinvertebrates
- D. Kevin signed letter to US EPA urging rollback of WOTUS changes in Clean Water Act
- E. March informal meeting- discussed possible speakers and projects

7. Speakers/Events/Projects in 2019: High water levels in local lakes (Kevin in touch w/ Tom Howe re possible speaker; Patrick Ertel of MDNR; S. Bend storm drain

8. Adjourn