



An alliance of the Black River
and Paw Paw River Watersheds

**TWO RIVERS COALITION
MAY 11, 2011 BOARD MEETING
GENEVA TOWNSHIP HALL**

Call to order: 7:12 p.m.

Attendees: Dave Foerster, Joe Parman, Sam Ewbank, Kevin Haight, Frank Jurenka, Matt Meersman, Tom Howe, Kenneth Nesbitt, Joe Von Wahlde, Grant Poole, Pete Mathews (Board members underlined)

Approve agenda as amended, all in favor.

Motion by Dave Foerster, seconded by Sam Ewbank to approve March 9, 2011 and April 13, 2011 minutes, all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Matt Meersman – Hand –out provided, 2010 Fiscal Year completed and balanced with a net income of \$984.27 and total assets of \$8,110.98.

Motion by Sam Ewbank, seconded by Tom Howe to approve December 31, 2010 Treasures Report and 2010 year-end report, all in favor

Jean Ketchum, board member health is better and plans to attend the next TRC board meeting! It's good to have her back and stronger.

Strategic Plan Review:

- **Membership/Fund Raising**, Tom Howe & Sam Ewbank – Membership and Fund Raising Committees will combine efforts into one Committee. Purchase of membership software and training, Sales Force Software; database software. Tom Howe created TRC Logo window stickers/clings to promote TRC, see board member for yours today. Foundry Hall events scheduled for June 17th, July 2nd, and July 30th.

Motion by Sam Ewbank, seconded by Tom Howe for TRC to participate in Foundry Hall events of June 17th, July 2nd, and July 30th and authorize applications for Special Licenses for beer and wine sales for a stage show fundraiser, all in favor

- **Community Connections** – Joe Van Walde – June 8, 2011 TRC Board meeting will be held in Paw Paw at the Michigan Avenue Academy School (old High School), 600 East Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, MI 49079. Kevin Haight will present his “Paw Paw River Odyssey”. The meeting and event will be sponsored/hosted by the Paw Paw Chamber of Commerce.
- **Paddle Events**, hand out provided– Nesbitt & Haight: Events will include Guest Speakers – July’s guest speaker will be Larry Neilson, Paw Paw Village Manager

July 23, Upper Paw Paw River South Branch, Paw Paw to Lawrence Area
August 27, 28, Middle Paw Paw River, Hartford to Watervliet-Coloma Area
October 8, Lower Paw Paw River, Riverside to Benton Harbor Area



P-ban Outreach - Committee will be running information ads in local papers to inform the public on Phosphorus issues; state and local ordinances/laws, educational information and environmental impacts.

Septic System Outreach – Tom Howe – Committee is working on PowerPoint presentation to inform municipalities on issues related to failing septic systems and their affect on the environment. This information could possibly lead to local ordinances requiring “point of sale” inspection on septic systems.

Announcements, Suggestions, Comments:

Michigan Trails and Greenways bicycle ride July 16th and 17th
July 23rd – Upper Paw Paw River Paddle
August 6th – River Rescue – Partnership with VB Conservation District
August 11th – Black River Paddle – Garvey Project
August 20th-21st – Middle Paw Paw River Paddle
October 8th – Lower Paw Paw River Paddle

Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Joe Parman, Secretary