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and Paw Paw River Watersheds*

**TWO RIVERS COALITION  
FEBRUARY 10, 2010 BOARD MEETING  
GENEVA TOWNSHIP HALL**

**Call to order:** 7:15 p.m.

**Attendees:** Al Baerren, Nancy Edwards, Dave Foerster, Kevin Haight, Tom Howe, Matt Meersman, Joe Parman, Larry Hummel, John Legge, Suzanne Holton, John Lindahl, Chris Bauer, Joe VonWahlde, Carl Bayha, Carl Bouton, Chuck Cubbage, Sam Ewbank, Marcy Colclough, AJ Brucks, Erin Fuller  
(Board Members underlined)

**Motion** by Matt Meersman to approve agenda as amended

**Motion** by Kevin Haight, second by Nancy Edwards to approve November 11, 2009, all ayes

**Treasurer's Report:** Matt Meersman, hand-out provided; \$150.00 in membership donations. Total expenses as of February 2010 were \$227.83 and net income of \$496.82.

**Motion** by Sam Ewbank, seconded by Al Baerren to approve Treasurer's Report, all ayes

**Board Member Nominations and Election:**

Al Baerren nominated Dave Foerster as President, Tom Howe seconded, Role Call: all ayes

Dave Foerster nominated Matt Meersman as Treasurer, Role Call: all ayes.

Due to Matt's busy schedule, a replacement Treasurer will be needed and trained. Interested individuals need to contact Dave Foerster or Matt Meersman.

Dave Foerster nominated Joe Parman as Secretary, second by Matt Meersman, Role Call: all ayes

Dave Foerster nominated Al Baerren as Vice President, Role Call: all ayes

**2009 Annual Meeting:** 60 plus attendees, Thank you for your support!

**Blues Dinner Review, Sam Ewbank:** In efforts to raise money alcohol was provided at the dinner by TRC with net income, after expenses of approximately \$350.00.

**Motion** by Sam Ewbank, second by Tom Howe to authorize expenses for the February 20, 2010 Blues Dinner, not to exceed \$130.00; Role Call – all ayes



**Motion** by Matt Meersman, second by Kevin Haight to authorize expenses for March 2010 Blues Dinner, not to exceed \$110.00; Role Call – all ayes

**Strategic Plan Review:** Power Point slides and hand-out provided

**Motion** by Sam Ewbank, second by Matt Meersman to authorize spending \$500.00 of the River Network Grant for TRC informational/education rack cards; Role Call – all ayes

**Motion** by Dave Foerster, seconded by Joe Parman to renew URL addresses, [www.tworiverscoaliton.org](http://www.tworiverscoaliton.org) & [www.tworiverscoalition.com](http://www.tworiverscoalition.com) for two years at a cost of \$60.00, all ayes

**TRC Policy Review:** IRS status will require adoption of confidentiality, conflict of interest, and document retention policies. The TRC Board will review policies and by-laws for 2010 in order to comply with new regulations.

**Announcements:**

Van Buren County Conservation District is sponsoring several informational and education seminars to help educate the community on environmental and conservation practices. A list of seminars is available at [www.vanburencd.org](http://www.vanburencd.org)

**Motion** by Al Baerren, seconded by Nancy Edwards to authorize TRC letter of support for Van Buren County Conservation Districts “River Clean-up” day; all ayes

Adjourn 9:12 p.m.

Joe Parman, Secretary