



River Raisin
WATERSHED COUNCIL

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**River Raisin Watershed Council
2019 Fall Semi-Annual Delegate Meeting
October 24, 2019 - 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Hidden Lake Gardens
6214 M-50
Tipton, MI 49287**

1. **Call to order:** John Calhoun

2. **Introductions:** John Calhoun
 1. Monroe Mayor

3. **Roll Call:** Sybil Kolon – Quorum: (26) – (22) Present– No Quorum
 - a. Adrian Charter Township – Michael Herr
 - b. Cambridge Township – Phil Kittredge
 - c. Charter Township of Madison – Gary Griewahn
 - d. Charter Township of York – Frank Stukenborg
 - e. Clinton Township - Buck Alar
 - f. City of Monroe – Robert Clark
 - g. City of Saline – Christen Mitchell
 - h. Columbia Township – John Calhoun
 - i. Frenchtown Charter Township – David Smith
 - j. Manchester Township – Sybil Kolon
 - k. Monroe County – David Hoffman
 - l. Monroe Charter Township – Richard Janssens
 - m. Norvell Township – David Lamb
 - n. Raisinville Township – Charles Haddix
 - o. Sharon Twp. – Trudi Cooper
 - p. Tecumseh Township – Gerry Donaldson
 - q. Village of Brooklyn – Bob Jenson
 - r. Village of Clinton – George Service
 - s. Village of Manchester – Pat Vaillencourt
 - t. Washtenaw County – Harry Sheehan
 - u. Woodstock Township – Marilyn Kremer

Others Present: Jackie Calhoun, Mary Caplon, Paul Pfeifer, Cherry Haddix, Stephen May, Larry Feldpausch, Kayla Bareis, John Farmer, Katie Goplerud-Smith, Mackenzie Schuch, Rory Kelly, Jack Voll, Kyler Hart, Angel Hoffman, Lindsay Garrison, Lucy Forbin, Chris Miller, Tracy Oberleitene, Pete Maeakey, Sylvia Kay.

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4. **No Quorum – Without a quorum RRWC was unable to conduct Council business however we did give an update of activities and will defer business to our next scheduled Spring Meeting 2020.**
5. **Treasurer’s Report:** Stephen May – Executive Director did a recap of the year to date income and expenses Year to date: Income: \$68,023.63 - Expenses: \$64,399.49 - Ending Balance: \$3,624.14.
6. **Grant Monies:** The Erb Family Foundation grant is expected to remain the same with \$43,140.00.
7. **2020 Budget:** Executive Director May discussed the proposed budget for 2020 – without a quorum the by-laws allow the executive committee to approve and operate with this budget until the next scheduled meeting – Spring 2020. Income: \$113,960.00 – Expenses: \$103,960.00.
8. **Chairman Calhoun – Special presentation – John Farmer** – John received a plaque for his tireless years working with the RRWC – adopt-a-stream, countless meeting and preserving the natural beauty of our watershed. He gave us plenty of his experiences including dubbing himself “Roadside Rambler” Many Thanks John for your incredible service to this organization with many more memories to be made!!
9. **Executive Director/Outreach Coordinator - Update:**
Executive Director May presented 2019 Activities & Plans
 - a. Membership is at (52) municipalities
 1. (6) Cities
 2. (3) Counties
 3. (35) Townships
 4. (8) Villages
 5. (5) Corporations
 6. (19) Individual Memberships
 - b. Activities in the Watershed.
 - c. Marketing
 - d. Adopt-A-Stream
 - e. Grants
 - i. ERB grant is ongoing.

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f. River Raisin 2020 Tasks/Initiatives

- a. Retain 2019 municipal members & add (3) new municipalities – 2019 – 52/63
 - b. Double Individual Donations / Double Corporate Donations
 - c. Produce RRWC Video – Marketing/Outreach – Final Version - 2020
 - d. (4) Regional Community Clean-ups
 - e. ERB Grant Renewal – (3) Years – Working with Farming Community – WLEB
 - f. Develop Teachers Working Group - (10) School Visits
 - g. Outdoor Jamboree – Lake Hudson
 - h. Stubnitz Educational Center - Fall Family – Nature/Art Day
 - i. Farmer-Led “Shop Talks” (4) Regional Meetings – ERB Foundation Grant
 - j. Farmer-Led “Coffee Hour Talks” – (8) Regional
 - k. Semi-Annual Farmer-Led Spring/Fall Meetings - ERB Foundation Grant
 - l. Pay for Performance – Cooling Hot Spots Grant – Monitoring & Outreach
 - m. Semi-Annual Spring/Fall RRWC Delegate Meetings
 - n. Manchester Canoe Race
 - o. Install (5) Kayak Launches – Launches Approved – City of Adrian
 - p. Revive Committee Structure – RRWC
 - q. Initiate Regional RR Watershed Groups to discuss issues in other areas of the Watershed
 - r. Grant Writing – Capacity?
 - s. Partnering – Fun Run/Bike/Paddle/Getting people on-in the River Event – Planning for 2020
 - t. Michigan RR Water Trail Designation – Connecting Trail/Walking Paths/River
 - u. Continuing to Develop Playbook Strategy
 - v. Finish Clean-up in Adrian – Adopt-A-Stretch of River to continue cleanup & maintenance
 - w. Continue S.Br. RR Assessment Task List – Possible DNR Funding
 - x. Produce Media Footage for Marketing/Advertising
 - y. Attend Conferences in Watershed/WLEB
 - z. GEI Consultants – South Branch River Raisin Environmental Assessment – 2020
 - aa. Kayak Launches throughout Watershed Communities
 - bb. Parks/Access River Interactive Informational Signage
 - cc. Mileage Markers throughout Watershed – Identification for Wayfaring & Emergency
- g. Marketing – will get information to everyone in the Watershed.
- h. Discover the Raisin Grants – Update

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10. Hidden Lake Gardens – Canopy Walk – Paul Pfeifer – Update

11. Program: – “History of the Saline Salt Springs”

James Peters – President – Saline Area Historical Society

- i. History of the Springs – including pre-historic
- ii. Impact springs had on settlement of City of Saline
- iii. Where are the Springs today?

11. Old business:

- a. None.

12. New Business:

- a. None.

13. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sybil Kolon
RRWC Secretary