



RIVER RAISIN WATERSHED COUNCIL

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RRWC Semi-Annual Fall Meeting – Minutes October 19, 2017 LISD – Tech Center

Representatives Present:

City/Twp./Village/County:

Name:

<u>Bridgewater Township</u>	Karley Kratz
<u>Cambridge Township</u>	Tom Kissel
<u>City of Monroe</u>	Robert Clark/Dick Micka
<u>City of Saline</u>	Christen Mitchell/ Dennis Kittel
<u>Clinton Township</u>	Buck Alar
<u>Columbia Township</u>	John Calhoun
<u>Dundee Township</u>	Gary Lazette
<u>Fairfield Township</u>	Martha Oard
<u>Frenchtown Charter Township</u>	Hedi Kaufman
<u>Lenawee County</u>	Karol Bolton
<u>Manchester Township</u>	Sybil Kolon
<u>Raisinville Township</u>	Chuck Haddix/Mike Sperling
<u>Sharon Township</u>	Jim Mann
<u>Summerfield Township</u>	John Chandler
<u>Tecumseh Township</u>	Gerald Donaldson
<u>Village of Brooklyn</u>	Bob Jenson/Jay Guetschow
<u>Village of Manchester</u>	Pat Vaillencourt
<u>Village of Onsted</u>	Robert Wolverton
<u>Washtenaw County</u>	Harry Sheehan
<u>Woodstock Township</u>	Randy Kennard

Others Present:

Name:

Julie Hewlett
Ron Rayba
Andrea Lee
Jackie Calhoun
Sabrina Gross
Brittany Santure
Cherry Haddix
Ed Scheffler
Faith Scheffler
David Rhoads
Evelyn Stukenburg
Charles Devries
Dimitriy Shapiro
Howard Pennington
Leslie Jones
Tom Jones
Matt Vansacker
Catherine Acerboni
John Freeland
Emma Gafner
Glenda Gafner
Linda Easley
Anne Smith
Brittany Jacobs



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1. Call to Order:

- a. The Semi-Annual meeting of the River Raisin Watershed Council was called to order by John Calhoun, Chair of the Council at 6:00 pm.

2. Introductions:

- a. Introductions were offered by John Calhoun. Matt Vanisacker from Senator Dale Zorn's office and Charles Debris from ITC were introduced.

3. Roll Call:

- a. Roll call found 23 representatives (of the 25 needed for quorum) from 20 paid municipalities of the Watershed present.
- b. Motion was made to suspend the by-laws for the meeting, and seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. Approval of the Agenda:

- a. John Calhoun offered the agenda for approval without any additions.
- b. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Christen Mitchell and seconded by Bob Jensen. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. Approval of the Spring Business Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2017:

- a. John Calhoun offered the April 27 minutes for approval asking for corrections.
- b. Hearing no corrections, a motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Pat Vaillencourt and seconded by Jim Mann. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. Treasurer's Report:

- a. John Calhoun outlined the budget year to date:
 - i. Income: \$50,801.02, 62% of projected
 - ii. Expenses: \$39,713.80, 46% of projected
 - iii. Ending balance: \$20,899.88
 - iv. Grant Monies:
 1. Erb Foundation: \$43,140.00
 2. TSN: \$6,900.00
 3. Total of \$50,040.00 in grant monies
- b. Motion to accept the treasurer's report and place on file by Bob Jensen seconded by Gerald Donaldson. Motion carried by voice vote.



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c. 2018 Budget:

- i. Income of \$82,020.00, an increase of \$500.00 targeting the additional monies coming in from contributions.
 - ii. Expenditures of \$89,190.00, an increase of \$2,550.00, with an additional \$1,500.00 expense for Shoptalk and Regional Meetings, plus an additional \$500.00 for Professional Services.
 - iii. A realization of a negative \$7,150.00 overall is projected.
 - iv. The Erb Foundation and TSN for 2018 are expected to remain the same with \$43,140.00 and \$6,900.00 respectively to be used for the programs designated, including Farmer Led Conservation and Cooling Hot Spots.
- d. Motion to accept the 2018 budget as presented by Christen Mitchell, seconded by Gary Lazette. There was some discussion regarding the annual updates, and the budget in reference to the by-laws. Motion passed by voice vote.

7. Chairman Update:

- a. John Calhoun expressed his excitement of the busy year we have had! He was pleased with the support of the public we have received.
- b. We had great participation from the AmeriCorps group! Always do a great job!
- c. Attended and was present at many festivals throughout the region.
- d. A thank you was extended to the members present for their support and membership this year and future years.
- e. The Watershed Council really puts their money to work! We are definitely fiscally responsible!

8. Executive Directors Update:

- a. The "***Streamlines Newsletter.***"
- b. Grants for the Watershed.
- c. Dam management - repair or removal.
- d. Michigan water trails and our future participation.
- e. Kayak launches: City of Adrian has located 5 launch sites, and other municipalities have expressed interest. Steve has a packet that can be copied and used for their location.
- f. Volunteer Workshop at the AJ Smith building in Tecumseh on November 2nd at 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Open to all who would like to volunteer in any way, shape or form with the Watershed.
- g. Information brochure on the Watershed.
- h. Membership form to be taken and filled out and copies made to be passed out! For municipalities, corporations, businesses, individuals.



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- i. Farmer Led Leadership Council brochure. Hope to have meetings in each Watershed “quadrant” in the near future.
 - j. Farmer Led Regional Meeting will be December 7th, 8:00 – 10:00 am, in the old mill in Dundee.
 - k. AmeriCorps truly benefits the community. If a municipality would like to host a group, contact Steve and he can help with their request. Truly a great partnership!
 - l. Fall Family Celebration will be November 4th from 10:00 – 2:00 at the Stubnitz Center in Heritage Park.
 - m. The many Activities that were done over the year!
 - n. Adopt-A-Stream – looking at 20 sites for volunteerism.
 - o. Cooling Hot Spots program.
 - p. ERB Foundation grant monies direction and goals.
 - q. Farmers Advisory Committee
 - r. Midwest Energy offered physical help, donated much needed equipment, and monies to the Watershed effort! Thank you, Midwest!
 - s. Watershed signage throughout Lenawee! Great presence along the river! Each sign costs about \$250.00. A \$10,000.00 grant was given by ProMedica to place the signs in Lenawee. Thank you, ProMedica!
 - t. Art Work – Tiles were displayed that were made by the Clinton Arts. Clinton Arts is a new art center in Clinton. They developed the design, and it can be seen on the tiles and mugs and T-shirts that are for sale!
 - u. Wacker Silicones assembled a group of employee volunteers. They were put to work and cleared a troublesome log jam. Thank you, Wacker!
 - v. Pictures from the various workgroups can be seen on our website.
9. **Program: “Geology of the River Raisin” - Julie Hewlett:**
- a. Ms. Hewlett discussed how the River Raisin affected the early settlements.
 - b. The River Raisin goes from 1200 feet down to 570 feet above sea level.
 - c. We are in the lower Mississippian level of a basin bowl.
 - d. Sunbird Rhea formation, shale (antrum).
 - e. Sandstone around Napoleon.
 - f. Bedrock is approximately 50 feet below the surface.
 - g. Our area was buried by several sheets of ice that came from the Lake Erie ice flow 20 – 25 thousand years ago.
 - h. Most lakes in the Irish Hills are kettle-holes that filled in to create swamps, but left 20 distinct lakes.
 - i. The shape of Michigan and lakes formed about 4 thousand years ago.
 - j. Palmyra and Deerfield were deltas.



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10. **Old Business:**

- a. None

11. **New Business:**

- a. Our next Semi-Annual meeting will be April 26, 2018.

12. **Adjourn:**

- a. With no further business everyone moved to adjourn, seconded by everyone. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted – October 24, 2017

Karol “KZ” Bolton
Secretary