



RIVER RAISIN WATERSHED COUNCIL

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RRWC Semi-Annual Spring Meeting

April 21, 2016

Cabela's, Dundee, MI

Representatives Present:

Village of Clinton	Buck Alar
City of Milan	Martha Churchill
Village of Dundee	Dave Uhl
Milan Township	Olga Mancik
Sharon Township	Jim Mann
Palmyra Township	Jim Isley
London Township	Stacey Cleggett
Washtenaw County	Evan Pratt
Woodstock Township	Randy Kennard
Monroe Charter Township	Richard Jansens
Township of Cambridge	Laurie Johncox
Summerfield Township	John Chandler
Village of Manchester	Pat Vaillencourt
Frenchtown Charter Twp.	Hedi Kaufman
Charter Township of York	Frank Stukenborg
Dundee Township	Gary Lazette
Rollin Township	Jerry Wilson
Manchester Township	Sybil Kolon
Raisinville Township	John Delmotte
City of Saline	David Rhoads
Bridgewater Township	Carley Kratz
Tecumseh Township	Gerry Donaldson
Village of Brooklyn	Bob Jenson
Columbia Township	John Calhoun
Monroe County	Michael Bosanac
Village of Onsted Wendell	Johncox
City of Monroe	Robert Clark
Norvell Township	David Lamb
Adrian Charter Township	Charlie Morris
Lenawee County	Jim Driskill
Lenawee County	Karol Bolton

Others present at meeting:



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1. **Call to Order** Our meeting was called to order by watching two drone video's of the City of Monroe during construction of the bridge and the Village of Blissfield during flooding.
2. **Introductions** Introductions were presented by Chair John Calhoun.
3. **Role Call** Role call found 31 members present. We have a quorum!
4. **Approval of Agenda** Wilson moved to approve the agenda for the business meeting with Jansens seconded. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
5. **Approval of Spring and Fall Business Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Uhl moved to approve the April 22, 2015 business meeting minutes, Wilson seconded. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
 - b. Uhl moved to approve the October 22, 2015 business meeting minutes, Wilson seconded. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
6. **Treasurers Report** The Treasurers budget and report was presented by John May.
 - a. Jensen moved to accept the Treasurers Report and place it on file, Hoffman seconded. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
 - b. Lazette moved to accept the 2016 budget, Sheehan seconded. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
7. **Chairman Update**
 - a. Calhoun and Kolon presented proposed a By-Law change that would allow alternate delegates to participate and vote in the absence of the appointed delegate. This is only for review, and will be presented at our fall meeting for a vote.
 - b. Nominating Committee Chair, Vaillencourt gave her report and made recommendations for delegates to the Executive Committee. The recommendations were Amy Gilhouse, MAEAP, and Lisa Garrison from the Lenawee County Conservation District. There were no other accepted nominations from the floor. Wilson moved to accept the presented nominations, Driskill seconded. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
8. **Executive Director Update** May discussed various 2015/2016 activities and plans. They included:
 - a. The Watersheds membership and dues paid.
 - b. River Raisin monitoring efforts.
 - c. Farmer Advisory Council
 - d. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Sub Award for Cooling Hot Spots in partnership with MSU Institute of Water Research and Adrian College. Currently working on the south branch of the River Raisin.
 - e. Lenawee Conservation District Grant that has a sunset of 9/30/2016
 - f. Marketing and developing a 12 month strategy
 - g. Grant writing

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- h. Various meetings with corporations in the communities to have them join the Watershed.
- i. Gillhouse gave an update in regards to the 2016 Field to the Great Lakes events to raise awareness and are scheduled during the summer. Contact Amy for more information and reservations. The events include:
 - i. Water Quality Tall Ship Sail Workshop to learn more about current and emerging issues of water quality.
 - ii. Western Lake Erie Basin MAEAP and Conservation Practices Conferences which includes a tour of the water quality lab, aquatic resources center, and a cruise on a science bio lab vessel.
 - iii. Sandpiper Boat Cruise with presentations in regard to conservation practices to protect water resources.
- j. May discussed other initiatives underway for the River Raisin:
 - i. Debris removal in Brooklyn at Camp Liberty
 - ii. Tecumseh log jam at Comfort Road
- k. May did a presentation to the Adrian Garden Club and received a \$100 donation!
- l. May thanked all the delegates and alternates for being present and constituting a quorum. He reminded everyone to please sign in.
- m. The newest newsletter “Streamlines” is available for everyone.
- n. A hand out was created as an aid to talk about the watershed and is available.

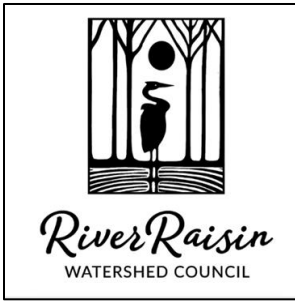
9. Special Presentation and Announcements

- a. Kolon presented the water monitoring kits to the winners of the “Discover the Raisin” program. The kits will help students investigate the water quality of the River Raisin. Five kits were presented to Jessica Smith and Jon Way for 6th and 7th grades at Britton Deerfield School, Jackie Murray for her 8th grade at Clinton Middle School, Shawn Dreslinski for the 6th and 7th grade at Clinton Middle School, Jackie Shane for the 8th grade at Lenawee Christian School, and Leigh Ann Roehm for Saline Schools 7th grade. Congratulations to the teachers, students, and schools!
- b. Rhodes from Saline updated the group on the “Friends of the Saline River” initiative. They are looking at a 17 acre site for a boat launch on the river, and planning to have navigation between Saline and Milan.
- c. The Manchester bridge will be completed shortly. Festivities will be held on May 15th and include a canoe race. Also Manchester hosts “Make it Manchester” every third Thursday on the month.

10. Program

- a. Brain Cenci from ENG Engineering (Lansing) discussed the Environmental Interaction Study being done on the south branch of the River Raisin. He discussed the purpose, timeline, inspection and work performed, documentation and priority, and grants and opportunities.

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- b. Danielle Conroid, Executive Director of the River Raisin Institute in Monroe, presented plans from a brainstorming session directed at the future of the River Raisin. The strategic planning workshop was hosted by the Committee on the Environment and Water Quality (COTE). The day focused on continuing the restoration and revitalization, the rivers long term vision and plan, and identification of action steps. Four goals were identified including water quality, habitat quality, sustained maintenance and recreation.

11. **Old business** None.

12. **New business** None

Adjourn Jenson moved to adjourn, Jan