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River Raisin Watershed Council Semi-Annual Spring Meeting April 25, 2019 6:00 pm Cabela's, Dundee, MI

1. **Call to order:** John Calhoun, Chair called the meeting to order.
2. **Introductions:** John Calhoun – none at this time, but State Representative Bronna Kahle was introduced when she arrived a few moments later.
3. **Roll Call:** Karol “KZ” Bolton called the roll. Quorum: 28 present (needed 25 out of 50 municipalities)

Municipalities present included:

City/Twp/Village/County:

Cambridge Township

Columbia Township

Charter Township of York

City of Monroe

City of Petersburg

City of Saline

City of Tecumseh

Dundee Township

Freedom Township

Frenchtown Charter Township

Lenawee County

London Township

Manchester Township

Milan Township

Monroe Charter Township

Norvell Township

Raisinville Township



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Rollin Township
Rome Township
Sharon Township
Summerfield Township
Tecumseh Township
Village of Brooklyn
Village of Clinton
Village of Dundee
Village of Manchester
Washtenaw County
Woodstock Township

Name:

Phil Kittredge
John Calhoun
Frank Stukenborg
Robert Clark
Larry Fedpausch
David Rhoads
Shelly Lim
Gary Lazette
L. Layher
D. Swen
KZ Bolton
Joanne Darling
Sybil Kolon



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Olga Mancik

Richard Janssens

David Lamb/Buck Alar

Charles Haddix/Mike Sperling

Jim Driskill

Roxann Sweet

Trudi Cooper

John Chandler

Gerry Donaldson

Bob Jenson

George Service

Dave Uhl

Pat Vaillencourt

Harry Sheehan

Marilyn Kremer

4. Approval of Agenda: John called to have the approval of the agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Marilyn Kramer, seconded by Jim Driskill. With no additions to the agenda, John asked for the vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

5. Approval of Fall Business Meeting Minutes – October, 2018 John asked to have the approval of the October 23, 2018 Fall Meeting minutes.

Motion to accept the Fall Minutes made by Dave Rose, seconded by Mayor Robert Clark. Hearing no discussion or corrections, John asked for the vote. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. Treasurer's Report: Before starting the 2019 budget and year to date report, Steve introduced our new staff member – Katie Goplerud-Smith who is the River Raisin Watershed Council Outreach Coordinator and told of her dedication to the Watershed. Steve also introduced Danielle Brosamer who is our Water Quality Coordinator and will be in charge of water sampling.



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7. 2019 Budget: Steve presented the budget for Year 2019.

Planned:

Income: \$82,290.00, an increase of \$100.00 with a decrease of \$6,900.00 reflected in the grants, a \$1,000.00 decrease in donations/contributions, and an increase of \$1,000.00 in miscellaneous income.

Expenditures: \$82,290.00 a total decrease of \$6,900.00, and \$1,000.00 decrease in capital outlay.

The Erb Foundation for 2019 is expected to decrease with \$6,900.00 and the TSN grant as the grant cycle is completed.

Received a grant from Washtenaw County to focus more effort in that area of the watershed.

John requested a motion to accept the 2019 budget: Trudi Cooper, and seconded by Mike Sperling. With no further discussion or questions motion passed by voice vote.

Year to date:

Revenue: \$33,662.23 Expenses: \$3,386.31 Ending Balance: \$30,275.92

Grant Monies:

Erb Foundation: Total: \$43,140.

Steve also noted the March bank statement and reconciliation detail and summary, and treasurers report were included in the packet.

In addition, Anderson Development is giving a grant for the River Raisin Watershed Festival.

John requested a motion to accept the treasurers report and place on file: Bob Jenson, and seconded by Rich Janssens. With no further discussion motion passed by voice vote.

8. Chairman Update: John Calhoun

- a. **Nomination Committee:** John introduced David Rhoads, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Dave reported:
 - i. Taking a look at the Executive Committee, we have permanent members and do not need to be voted on. They include:
 1. Dave Hoffman, Monroe County (current member)
 2. Harry Sheehan, Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner (current)
 3. Karol "KZ" Bolton, Lenawee County (current)
 - ii. Other members need to be voted on and include:
 1. John Calhoun, Columbia Township
 2. John Chandler, Summerfield Township (current)
 3. Sybil Kolon, Manchester Township
 4. Phil Kittredge, Cambridge Township (new)



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- iii. Motion was made by Trudi Cooper seconded by Mike Sperling to include these three members on the Executive Committee. No further nominations were brought forward. Motion passed by voice vote.
- iv. Executive officers were the next to be elected. A slate of volunteers was presented and include:
 1. Vice-Chair – Harry Sheehan. Gerry Donaldson motioned, and Richard Janssens seconded. With no further nominations, the motion was passed by voice vote.
 2. Treasurer – Karol “KZ” Bolton. Jim Driskill motioned, and George Service seconded. With no further nominations, the motion was passed by voice vote.
 3. Secretary – Sybil Kolon. Pat Vaillencourt motioned, and Trudi Cooper seconded. With no further nominations, the motion was passed by voice vote.
 4. Chair – John Calhoun. Mayor Robert Clark motioned, and George Service seconded. With no further nominations, the motion was passed by voice vote.

9. Executive Director Update: Steve May, 2019 Activities & Plans

- a. Membership, at this time, is good. There is a potential of 63 municipalities. Municipalities contribute \$18,121.00, Corporate Memberships so far reflects \$85.62, and Individual Memberships show \$696.19.
- b. A walking trail along the river is in the process of being planned in Blissfield.
- c. Adrian is expecting to install 5 kayak launches. They are working with Molly Rippke from the DEQ (EGLE) to address any E.coli concerns.
- d. Looking for interest to have Americorps group to work in the Northwest region.
- e. ERB grant -looking to extend for 2 more years, or possibly look at new outcomes.
- f. Farmer Led Conservation had their Semi-Annual Meeting on April 11. Speaker from Iowa will talk about his Farmer-Led Group experiences.
- g. Forming Partnerships – various groups including: One Lenawee, Vernal Pool Partnership, Grand Raisin Conservation Committee, JLW CISMA, MSU Water Research, and Leslie Niethammer – Saline River Preserve.
- h. Water Quality Coordinator, Danielle Brosamer has started collecting water samples. We have partnered with MSU. For RRWC sampling, Danielle will start in the South Branch, then progress from there.
- i. Steve unveiled new conservation signs as part of the Farmer Led Conservation commitment. They reflect “Protecting our Land, our Water” and have various messages such as No Till, Cover Crops, Conservation Practices, and Filter Strips. These signs seen along



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the roads will be good to show the commitment of conservation farmers have for our land and water.

10. Outreach Coordinator Report. Katie Goplerud-Smith reported:

- a. Marketing – At our Adrian MJR Theater we have developed a 15 second promotional video. It will be playing during the month of April in all 10 of the theaters.
- b. Adopt-A-Stream will take place in May! Bugs will be collected, compiled, and analyzed. The types of bugs found reflect on the river's health. Dr. Martin from Adrian College started sampling back in 2006. Eighteen sights will be visited. Training for the event will be May 4th at 10:00 am in Peele Hall, Adrian College, and May 11th will be the Stream Search Day starting at 9:00 am, gathering and leaving from Adrian College campus.
- c. River Raisin mile markers have started to be installed! An Eagle Scout in partner with the Fire Department in Tecumseh marked 6 miles of river through Tecumseh. Also, looking to do 39 miles through Manchester, Bridgewater and Sharon Townships. Lenawee County GIS Department has GPS marked the entire river, so anyone can start anywhere using the GPS coordinates.
- d. River Raisin Water Festival will be held on May 1st on the Dominican Sisters campus, Siena Heights. One hundred seventy-five students from the 5th and 6th grades will participate. LISD high school student have helped in the planning. Eight water and conservation presentations are scheduled. Thanks to Adrian Noon Rotary, Greater Federation of Women's Clubs of Lenawee, and Anderson Development for sponsoring this day. Hope it will become an annual event.
- e. Katie has done many school visits. Her presentations help give the students a conceptual understanding of our watershed, water, and conservation.
- f. Students in Tecumseh participated in an Earth Day Bag event where they learned about plastic pollution, then decorated paper bags for Busch's Grocery Store for the customers to learn about plastics too.

11. Upcoming Events Summary:

- a. May 4, 11 - Adopt-A-Stream.
- b. May 11 – Solid Waste Clean Up, 8:00 am – 12:00 noon.
- c. May 18 – Dundee Community Clean Up, 9:30 – 11:30 am.
- d. May 19 – Manchester Canoe Race, 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm.
- e. May 20, 21 - Chainsaw Training, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.
- f. June 15 – Monroe Sterling State Park Beach Clean Up, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.
- g. June 23 – Wampler's Lake Boat Wash Station, all day.

12. Program: – ***“PFAS: Information and Updates”***: Gerald Tiernan, Regional Team Leader, EGLE - Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (formerly MDEQ)

- a. PFAS = Poly-fluoroalkyl substance.



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- b. Sources – waterproofing, non-stick pans, metal finishers – platers, aluminum anodizing, fire foam, paint manufacturing, paper manufacturing, industrial laundries, central waste treatments, landfill leach.
- c. One site in the River Raisin Watershed in Washtenaw County on Saline River. Looking at next steps to remediate the site.
- d. Measured in parts per trillion. Public water supply testing is underway.
- e. A criteria list has been generated, and the team searches for PFAS and tests. The tests are broken into three ranges of severity and remediation plans are developed.

13. Discover The Raisin Awards: John revealed the winners of the “*Discover the Raisin Awards.*” This year we have 4 awards and 3 schools that have been selected! Congratulations goes to:

- a. Saline Schools.
- b. Clinton Schools, winner of 2 awards.
- c. Triumph Academy.

14. Old business: No old business to come before us at this time.

15. New Business:

- a. The park on Mill Pond in Saline is looking to install a boardwalk.
- b. Cambridge Township is looking to install kayak launches.
- c. Jim Driskill gave an update on MichIndOh (Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio) collaborative and the devastating effects it will have on our watershed.

16. Adjourn: With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Driskill, and seconded by all!

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Respectfully submitted,

Karol “KZ” Bolton