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**River Raisin Watershed Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2019 – 10:30 AM
Lenawee Drain Commission Office
320 Springbrook Ave. Suite 102
Adrian, MI 49221**

1. Roll Call

Chairman Calhoun called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM.

Executive Committee Members Present: John Calhoun, Harry Sheehan, Sybil Kolon, KZ Bolton, and Phil Kittredge.

Executive Committee Members Absent: Dave Hoffman and John Chandler.

Others Present: Stephen May – RRWC Executive Director, Danielle Brosamer – RRWC Water Quality Coordinator, Trudi Cooper – Sharon Township Delegate, George Service – Village of Clinton Delegate, and Katie Goplerud-Smith – RRWC Outreach Coordinator

2. Approval of August 20, 2019 – Agenda

- a. Motion by Kolon, second by Kittredge to approve the August 20, 2019 agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

3. Approval of July 16, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion by Kolon, second by Kittredge to approve the July 16, 2019 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Treasurer's Report for the period July 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019 was distributed and reviewed by Bolton. Revenue - **\$1,870.19** - Expenses - **\$24,364.65** – Balance to date: **\$43,795.26**. Motion by Sheehan second by Kittredge to accept and file Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- b. Review 2019 Budget – YTD: YTD Total Revenue: **\$52,447.07** Total Expenditures: **\$59,006.30**.

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- c. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills: New bills reported: Katie Goplerud-Smith: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - **\$225.04**; Katie Goplerud-Smith: Mileage Reimbursement FLG - **\$33.06**; Danielle Brosamer: Mileage Reimbursement MSU - **\$783.00**; Stephen May: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - **\$80.62**; Lenawee County Printing & Purchasing (postage & copier) – **\$14.41**; NCM Movie ad - **\$440.00**; First Federal Visa (Displays, river clean-up supplies, Len. Co. fair tickets) - **\$1,055.28**; Advantage Visuals (partial payment) - **\$507.50**; American Farm Museum & Education Center - **\$500**; John Calhoun – Knutson’s Sporting Goods Raffle Item Reimbursement - **\$67.07**; **Total of \$3,705.98**. Motion by Kittredge, second by Bolton to authorize payment of these bills. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

5. Executive Director Updates (See Report – on file)

- a. Report /Membership updates
- i. City of Adrian – Interested in second half of river survey on South Branch, particularly for a consultant to help with Kiwanis Trail/walkway/kayak launch proposals.
 - ii. Brooklyn kayak launch proposal is ready to submit.
 - iii. Membership –52/63 municipalities are members
 1. OHM Advisors became a corporate member
- b. Upcoming Events
- i. Nature Walk: West County Park, Dundee – 9/13, 10-11am
 - ii. Adrian Rotary Clean Up – 9/14, 9am-12pm
 - iii. Sterling State Park Beach Clean Up – 9/14, 9am-12pm
 - iv. Washtenaw County Clean Up Day, Saline – 9/14, 10am-2pm
 - v. Artalicious – 9/20-21
 - vi. Invasive Species Workday – 9/28, 9:30am-12:30pm
 - vii. Clinton Fall Festival – 9/27-9/29
 - viii. Great Lakes Restoration Celebration – 10/18
- c. Contracts/Grants Update - MDARD to reimburse Danielle’s mileage. Reimbursement through September and hope to extend.

6. Outreach Coordinator Updates

- a. Advantage Visuals Marketing Video Update – Getting footage from RRWC and FLG events.
- b. Manchester/Bridgewater/Sharon Twp Mile Marker Update – No signs in yet, recommended in the fall.
- c. Adrian Rotary Clean Up – 9/14, 9am-12pm – Update – Danielle will be there since there are 2 other events going on that day!
- d. Lenawee County Fair - Thanks to all the volunteers! Small profit of \$133.
- e. Japanese knotweed JLW CISMA Grant – Grant received for contract services (from PlantWise of Ann Arbor) to spray in Sept. Volunteers cut it last week.
- f. Clinton Arts Center Display – 75 feet of wall space for 18 different displays. Title is Raisin Expectations: Healthy Lands = Healthy Waters. Install over Labor Day. Artist in gallery about plastic pollution.
- g. Great Outdoors Jamboree – Lake Hudson – 9/8 – Need some volunteers to man the booth.

- h. Art-A-Licious – Downtown Adrian – 9/20-21 – Need volunteers also. Kids can create cork boats, paper fish, and paint rocks!

7. Water Quality Coordinator Update

- a. Eventually will sample for e.coli.

8. Partnership Updates,

- a. ERB Grant – Farmer-Led Watershed Conservation
 - i. ERB Foundation – Year 3 Update – Met with Melissa and leadership group and submitted another 3 year extension. This will be a bit more funding than the last 3 years to focus on women and younger generations.

9. Committee Reports

Outreach - Working on recruiting education volunteers to help in the classroom (train on the water models).

Technical – KZ continuing to work with bank to get treasurer information

Development – None.

Administrative – None.

Financial – None.

10. Old Business

- a. Displays – Purchased and now on display at the meeting

11. New Business

- a. Semi-Annual Meeting - Speaker ideas: someone approached Steve at the last meeting from Saline. Possibility to have at the Onsted Mill, somewhere in Saline, or Brooklyn Sportsman Club

12. Public Comments

- a. Phil Kittredge: Loch Erin sampling has found increased levels of e coli in the streams flowing into Loch Erin (human and cattle). Next steps include hiring dog service to find sources. Might RRWC be interested in assisting with cost?
- b. Trudi Cooper: “Numaseppe: Paddle to the Sea” – Celebration of the River Raisin: A large paddle event to go down the entire river. Involve all communities along the way to help local shops/parks. Lots of preparation required to clean out log jams and make a route. Prizes/celebration along the way.

13. Next Meeting – September 17, 2019 at the Clinton Arts Center 114 W. Michigan Ave, Clinton, MI; 10:30am.

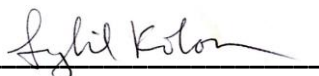
14. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Kolon, second by Bolton to adjourn meeting at 12:00 PM. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Stephen May – Executive Director – September 13, 2019.

Approval of Minutes

Date: 9/16/2019

Secretary: 
Sybil Kolon