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River Raisin Watershed Council

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2020 – 10:30 AM

Zoom Meeting due to stay-at-home order of Covid-19

1. Roll Call

Vice Chairman Sheehan called the meeting to order at 10:40 AM.

Executive Committee Members Present: John Calhoun (also in another meeting, tuned in periodically), Sybil Kolon, KZ Bolton, Harry Sheehan (acting as board chair for meeting), John Chandler and Phil Kittredge. (All via Zoom)

Executive Committee Members Absent: David Hoffman

Others Present: Stephen May – RRWC Executive Director

Others Absent – Katie Goplerud-Smith - Outreach Coordinator

2. Approval of Aug. 18, 2020 – Agenda

a. Motion by Kolon, second by Kittredge to approve the Aug. 18, 2020 agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

3. Approval of July 21, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

a. Motion by Kolon, second by Bolton to approve the July 21, 2020 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

4. Treasurer's Report

a. The Treasurer's Report for the period July 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020 was distributed and reviewed by May. Revenue – **\$17,395.68** - Expenses - **\$20,750.43** – Balance to date: **\$46,957.95**. Motion by Calhoun second by Bolton to accept and file June Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

b. 2020 Budget YTD – revenue: \$64,136.09; expenditures: \$48,060.06.

c. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills: New bills reported July 22, 2020 – Aug. 18, 2020: Katie Goplerud-Smith: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - **\$160.03**; First Federal Visa (Zoom

subscription; Misc.)- **\$18.98: Total of \$179.31.** Motion by Calhoun, second by Kolon to authorize payment of these bills. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

5. Public Comments - None

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

- a. Report /Membership updates
 - i. Membership – 52 municipalities, 15 individual, 3 corporate memberships
- b. Farmer-Led Conservation Group – Webinar Panel Discussion with Jim Hoorman on 7/24 (28 participants), great feedback. Will be out on website/Facebook.

7. Outreach Coordinator Updates

- a. Plantwise Japanese Knotweed Treatment in Riverside Park Adrian - \$195-\$280 estimate approval (depends on permission granted from landowner in Tecumseh) Motion by Kolon, second by Bolton to approve \$280 for Japanese knotweed treatment of the two locations if Cisma grant can't cover it. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- b. Interactive map of Watershed with River Raisin Institute – Lead Project with RRI assistance
- c. Invasive species pull with Wash. Co. Parks & Rec @ Riverside Park (Clinton) – Small group, 7 total, lots of spotted knapweed removed near River Raisin.
- d. Facebook “Premiere” – Premiering our RRWC promo video and a virtual storytime on Facebook (comment section is live and RRWC can respond live)
- e. Poster Contest posters for use – Approval from 2 Clinton High School artists granted (oil painting of river for use as Discover the Raisin logo & 10th – 12th grade winner to be printed and handed out to anyone/classrooms).
- f. Adopt-A-Stream – may not be feasible with Adrian College this year due to safety measures.

8. Partnership Updates

- a. Erb Grant – Farmer-Led Watershed Conservation – See above. Hybrid Zoom and in-person listening sessions in the works. Refining deliverables due to COVID.

9. Committee Reports

Outreach – None.

Technical – Continuing to meet with Connecting Lenawee/City of Adrian (kayak launches).

Development – Google reviews/comments can refer more to RRWC/our website.

Administrative – Next meeting Sept. 15. May need to plan for virtual Fall meeting in Oct. Ask representatives their preferences.

Financial – None.

10. Old Business

- a. Semi-Annual Fall Meeting: Figuring out elections if we choose to have them or just keep those on committee (if they're willing). Could be a truncated meeting to get it done quick. Oct. 22, 5pm-6 or 6:30pm in Zoom format (email participants to gather thoughts on timing).

11. New Business – None.

12. Public Comments:

- a. Sybil Kolon: Manchester Canoe Race has meeting tonight to discuss race and how it went. The remaining balance of \$87 was amount of insurance not covered by local donations for the canoe race - RRWC was willing to donate that amount. An article about the canoe race will be written for the Manchester Mirror. Willing to write newsletter article as well.

13. Next Meeting – Sept. 15, 10:30am – Zoom Meeting.

14. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Calhoun, second by Kittredge to adjourn meeting at 11:47 AM. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Katie Goplerud-Smith – Outreach Coordinator –Sept. 11, 2020.

Approval of Minutes

Date: _____

Secretary: _____

Sybil Kolon