



River Raisin  
WATERSHED COUNCIL

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**River Raisin Watershed Council  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2019 – 10:30 AM  
Clinton Arts Center: 115 W. Michigan Ave.  
Clinton, MI 49236**

### **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, George Service – Village of Clinton Delegate, Pam McCann – Clinton Resident, and Katie Goplerud-Smith – RRWC Outreach Coordinator

### **2. Approval of September 17, 2019 – Agenda**

- a. Motion by Kolon, second by Kittredge to approve the September 17, 2019 agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

### **3. Approval of August 20, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

- a. Motion by Bolton, second by Kolon to approve the August 20, 2019 meeting minutes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

- a. The Treasurer's Report for the period August 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019 was distributed and reviewed by Bolton. Revenue - **\$15,446.56** - Expenses - **\$2,973.78** - Balance to date: **\$56,268.04**. Motion by Kittredge second by Kolon to accept and file Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- b. Review 2019 Budget – YTD: YTD Total Revenue: **\$67,893.63** Total Expenditures: **\$61,980.08**.
- c. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills: New bills reported: Katie Goplerud-Smith: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - **\$186.76**; Danielle Brosamer: Mileage Reimbursement MSU - **\$635.10**; Stephen May: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - **\$34.80**; NCM Movie ad - **\$440.00**; First Federal

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Visa (Displays, river clean-up supplies, MI Trail Maintenance Manual) - **\$245.90**; Advantage Visuals (partial payment) - **\$618.75**: **Total of \$2,161.31**. Motion by Kittredge, second by Bolton to authorize payment of these bills. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

## 5. Public Comments

- a. Pam McCann mentioned the Clinton Arts Center is closing at the end of September. She is working on a proposal for repurposing and building to focus on community art, watershed issues, and environmental education. She suggested the RRWC could be involved in that effort.

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

- a. Report /Membership updates
  - i. RRWC/FLG presentation at MACD Conference on Oct. 28 with one of the farmer leaders.
  - ii. The Stewardship Network/Cooling the Hotspots Funds – Meeting 9/30 with leaders and Lisa Brush to discuss strategies to use with the South Branch.
  - iii. Membership –52/63 municipalities are members, 19 individuals, 5 corporate
- b. Upcoming Events
  - i. Artalicious – 9/20-21
  - ii. Invasive Species Workday – 9/28, 9:30am-12:30pm
  - iii. Adopt-A-Stream: Training Day – 9/28, 2-4pm
  - iv. Clinton Fall Festival – 9/27-9/29
  - v. Adopt-A-Stream: Stream Search Day -10/5, 9am
  - vi. Clinton Womens Club presentation– 10/2
  - vii. Nature Walk: Leslee Niethammer Saline River Preserve – 10/11, 10-11:30am
  - viii. Great Lakes Restoration Celebration – 10/18
  - ix. Semi-Annual Fall Meeting – 10/24
- c. Contracts/Grants Update - MDARD to reimburse Danielle’s mileage through September. Hope to use funds from FLG to continue sampling.

## 7. Outreach Coordinator Updates

- a. Advantage Visuals Marketing Video Update – Continuing to get footage from RRWC and FLG events.
- b. Paddle in Dundee – 8 people came along and picked up lots of trash along the way!
- c. Manchester/Bridgewater/Sharon Twp Mile Marker Update – No signs in yet, recommended in the fall. Grand Opening of the new park in downtown Manchester with sprint canoe race on 9/19
- d. Clean-up Day Extravaganza (Adrian, Monroe, Saline)- 40 volunteers in Monroe with over 200lbs of trash picked up; 50 volunteers at Adrian clean up (lots of Siena Heights/Adrian College students); Saline Clean up Day had much more manageable turn out than last year with better logistics.
- e. Adopt-A-Stream: 9/28 for Training Day & 10/5 for Stream Search Day.
- f. Clinton Arts Center Display – Suburban Chevrolet is interested in having RRWC’s displays up!
- g. Great Outdoors Jamboree – Lake Hudson – KZ and Danielle helped out on a beautiful day and had lots of examples of invasive plants to show visitors.

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

#### 8. Water Quality Coordinator Update

- a. Erb Grant – FLG will decide where to sample if able to use those funds for sampling/mileage. MSU won't be funding anymore because they haven't found any significant differences in the sampling.

#### 9. Partnership Updates,

- a. ERB Grant – Farmer-Led Watershed Conservation
  - i. ERB Foundation – Year 3 Update – Renewal approval will be known by the end of September. Cooling the Hotspots will be discussed also.

#### 10. Committee Reports

Outreach - None.

Technical – None.

Development – Include corporate members/new members at Semi-Annual Meetings/ on website.

Administrative – None.

Financial – None.

#### 11. Old Business

- a. Semi-Annual Meeting – 10/24, 6-8pm @ Hidden Lake Gardens
  - i. Director will present details about the new Tower & speaker will be Jim Peters about Saline Salt Springs. People will be encouraged to come early to explore. Admission free for those coming to meeting. \$150 to rent room.
- b. No Executive Committee Meeting on Oct. 15. Motion by Sheehan second by Bolton to authorize normal expenditures for Semi-Annual Meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- c. Any other regular business will be handled ahead of Semi-Annual Fall Meeting.

#### 12. New Business

- a. Stantech was contacted to be a corporate member.

#### 13. Public Comments

- a. Harry Sheehan: HAB Conference – Focused a lot on a technological push for drilling fertilizer. This year's bloom was not as bad as predicted. There was lots of application in the spring, about 62% didn't end up planting this season. Dissolved P was lower than predicted.

#### 14. Next Meeting – October 24, 2019 at Hidden Lake Gardens, 6-8pm.

#### 15. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Kolon, second by Bolton to adjourn meeting at 11:51AM. **Motion carried.**

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

#### Approval of Minutes

Date:    November 19, 2019   

Secretary:         
                   Sybil Kolon