



RIVER RAISIN WATERSHED COUNCIL

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**River Raisin Watershed Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.
RRWC Tecumseh Office - AJ Smith House
804 North Evans Street, Tecumseh MI 49286
In Person/Google Meet/Conference Call**

Roll Call

Chair Harry Sheehan called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Executive Committee members present: Harry Sheehan, Sybil Kolon, John Calhoun, Stella Kirby, Mike Ayre, Phil Kitteridge

Executive Committee members absent: Dave Hoffman

Others present: Sean Dennis – RRWC Executive Director, Lydia Lopez - RRWC Water Stewardship Coordinator, Benny Woith - RRWC Administrative Coordinator (Virtual), Matt Knoblauch - Blissfield Township Representative, Philip Vicary - Blissfield Township resident, Timothy Miles - Dundee Township Representative (Virtual), Sylvia Kay - Norvell Township Representative (Virtual).

1. Approval of Agenda - April 15, 2025

- a. Motion by Calhoun, second by Kittredge, to approve the April 15, 2025 Agenda as submitted.
MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

2. Approval of Minutes - March 18, 2025

- a. Motion by Kittredge, second by Calhoun, to approve the March 18, 2024 Minutes with the addition of April 7, 2025 as date submitted. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Treasurer's Report for the period April 1 - April 30, 2025 was distributed and reviewed by Dennis. At County National: Revenue - **\$22,408/17**; Disbursements - **\$2,875.86**; balance - **\$44,079.47**. At Premier Bank: Revenue – **\$111.39**; Disbursements - **\$0**; balance: **\$35,779.65**. The Treasurer's report was received and filed.
- b. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills - Report on File. Reviewed the monthly expense report in the amount of \$2,663.59. Motion by Ayre, second by Kirby, to authorize payment of these bills to the total of **\$2,663.59**. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE**
- c. Budget - Year to Date for January through March 2025 was reviewed by Dennis.

4. Public Comment -

- a. Philip Vicary commented on trash and log jam issues on the river in Blissfield Township. Sheehan and others acknowledge the need. Major problems require funding and coordination. A permit is often needed. Ayre is looking for cleanup volunteers. Knoblauch said he can help.
- b. Miles asked about any high risk dams as a result of recent heavy rain. Sheehan explained the inspection process. We are not aware of any on the River Raisin.
- c. Sybil Kolon - Iron Creek Preserve to have a grand opening soon. Also now involved with a Celebrate Earth Day event at Watkins Lake State Park & County Preserve; a flyer was handed out to invite board to the event.
- d. Mike Ayre - Praised Ivy McClelland for her work in social media content. He expressed that we are being well seen in the community.

5. Business - None**6. Executive Director Updates**

- a. 2025 Membership Updates
 - i. Membership dues are coming in with 12 municipalities. 9 individuals. 0 corporations.
- b. Brooklyn Dam Connectivity Project
 - i. Getting ready to submit a report for this grant for last quarter and this quarter's time.
- c. River Raisin Legacy Project & Monroe Dam #4
 - i. Working to build a relationship with COTE and Chris Bobryk
 - ii. Next community meeting in May

7. Water Stewardship Coordinator - Updates

- a. General Notes
 - i. Spring delegate event is set to be on May 13th in Tecumseh starting at 5:30 pm.
 1. Possible discussion points for meeting after bug collection: Dr. Kratz on stream search, introduce Sean, Strategic Plan, Brooklyn Dam, Monroe Dam #4, Native Plant Sale.
- b. FLG - Update
 - i. Meeting with Melissa on Friday to discuss FLG. More to come!
- c. Expanding Public Engagement Activities and Equity Grant - Update
 - i. 25 classrooms, 500+ students since 1/06. Two more science days presentations in Adrian this coming Thursday & next if anyone wants to join.
 - ii. On class 3 of 5 in a Master Rain Gardener Class. Class of 20 students.
- d. MiCorps Maintenance Grants (\$3k) - Received!!!
 - i. Working through ordering supplies for the upcoming season!
- e. Nature Exploration Programs
 - i. Dr. Kratz is going to begin to teach Natural Resources classes for us to meet our needs and continue to build Lydia's professional development.
- f. Vernal Pool Patrol
 - i. Annual Meeting yesterday, RRWC got a very nice shout out for being an up and coming coordinator/partner in the VPP world.
- g. Current Grant Proposals in the Que
 - i. Q1 Watershed Management Plan - Saline/Macon

- ii. Watershed Council Support Grants (\$40k)
 - 1. Got an email from EGLE saying that they are behind and will have a decision in 4 to 6 weeks.
- iii. Monroe Environmental Education Fund (\$3k) - submitted on 03/18
- iv. Sustain the Great Lakes - NFWF (\$250k)
 - 1. We were asked to submit a full proposal. Working on that now!

8. Administrative Coordinator - Update

- a. Website Updates
 - i. Upper Wolf Creek page created by Woith. Kitteredge has approved the page.
 - ii. The Annual Report is currenting being worked on and will be completed by Spring Gathering.
 - iii. Woith is currently working on the Spring Newsletter. Waiting for Dr. Kratz & Sybil for an article.

9. Committee Reports

Outreach – None

Technical – None

Development – None

Administrative – None

Financial – None

10. Public Comment - 3 Minutes

11. Next Meeting

- a. **Executive Committee - May 20, 2025 - 10:00 a.m. - 804 N. Evans Street Tecumseh MI 49286**

12. Adjournment

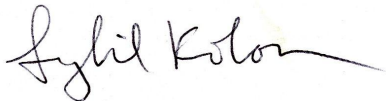
Motion by Calhoun, second by Kittredge, to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.**

Respectfully submitted by Sybil Kolon - Secretary

Date: May 4, 2025

APPROVED:

Secretary:



Date: May 20, 2025