



## **RIVER RAISIN WATERSHED COUNCIL**

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### **RRWC Semi-Annual Fall Meeting – Minutes October 20, 2016 Stubnitz Center – Heritage Park – Adrian, MI**

#### **Representatives Present:**

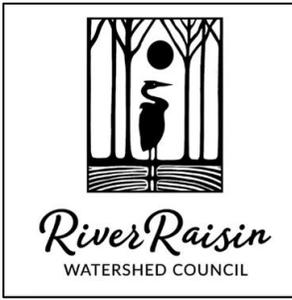
**City/Twp./Village/County:    Name:**

<u>Bridgewater Township</u>	Carley Kratz
<u>Cambridge Township</u>	Laurie Johncox
<u>City of Saline</u>	David Rhoads
<u>Columbia Township</u>	John Calhoun
<u>Dundee Township</u>	Gary Lazette
<u>Lenawee County</u>	Karol Bolton
<u>Lenawee County</u>	Jim Driskill
<u>Manchester Township</u>	Sybil Kolon
<u>Monroe Charter Township</u>	Richard Janssens
<u>Monroe County</u>	Larry Feldspausch
<u>Norvell Township</u>	David Lamb
<u>Palmyra Township</u>	James Isley
<u>Raisinville Township</u>	Charles Haddix
<u>Rollin Township</u>	Jerry Wilson
<u>Rome Township</u>	Al Boggs
<u>Sharon Township</u>	Jim Mann
<u>Tecumseh Township</u>	Gerry Donaldson
<u>Village of Brooklyn</u>	Bob Jensen
<u>Washtenaw County</u>	Harry Sheehan
<u>Woodstock Township</u>	Randy Kennard

#### **Others Present:**

**Name:**

Andrea Stay
Brittany Jacobs
Brittany Santure
Cherry Haddix
Dave Maxwell
Jenny Escott
Joanna Uhl
Justin Gifford
Linda Easley
Lindsay Garrison
Mary Janssens
Norris Isley
Richard Micka
Robert Zbiciak
Stacy Downing
Stephen May
Tim Robinson
William Downing



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### **1. Call to Order:**

- Semi-Annual meeting was called to order by John Calhoun, Chair.

### **2. Introductions:**

- Fifteen various introductions of special guests were offered by John Calhoun.

### **3. Roll Call:**

- Roll call shown nineteen members present. We do not have a quorum. Jim Driskill made a motion, and Bob Jensen seconded to suspend the rules. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

### **4. Approval of the Agenda:**

- Jim Driskill made the motion, seconded by Laurie Johncox to approve the agenda. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

### **5. Approval of the Spring Business Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2016:**

- Motion was made by Bob Jensen and seconded by Richard Janssens to approve the minutes. Under discussion, there was a request to clarify “7a” regarding delegates. It was stated that it was for the Executive Committee and not the general membership. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

### **6. Treasurers Report:**

- The Treasurers report was given by Laurie Johncox. Gerry Donaldson moved, and Al Boggs seconded to accept the Treasurers report and place it on file. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- Other financial updates included the approval of the 2016 – 2017 budget as presented. Al Boggs moved and David Rhoads seconded to approve the budget. **Motion passed by voice vote.**
- Steve May discussed the two grants (Erb Family Foundation – Farmers Advisory Committee and GLRI - Cooling the Hot Spots) that would have income of approximately \$4,500.

### **7. Chairman Update:**

- John Calhoun highlighted two by-law changes. The first was regarding the Executive Committee to have alternate delegates as presented as Amend Article V, Section (2)(A)(2), Voting and Role of Alternates.



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- The second change was an update of the Nondiscrimination, Article VIII to include gender, gender identity, and ethnicity within the wording. Motion made by Bob Jensen, seconded by Richard Janssens
- to approve the changes with one spelling correction – sensory or (not of) physical handicap.  
**Motion passed by voice vote.**
- Two critical updates: Raisin Township was in the process of having an injection well. A public hearing was held past the allotted time. The work order for the well has been pulled. The River Raisin Watershed Council and the Raisin Township objected to the well being installed.
- Also, Columbia Township was in the process of having an injection well drilled one mile from a water source. This work order has also been pulled.
- Update on AmeriCorps NCCC Team – AMAZING group to work with! SEVENTY-TWO TONS of material was pulled from the River Raisin. Tecumseh Paddling really helped and was committed to the youth team from AmeriCorps. About two miles of the river was cleaned in the City Of Adrian.

### **8. Executive Director Update:**

- Steve May discussed the 2016/2017 activities and plans. Teamwork, assistance, conservation, preservation in the River Raisin Watershed.
- The Kayak Raffle at the Lenawee County Fair was a success! Over 50 volunteers signed up to help at the booth. The winning tickets for the two kayaks were sold to the same family!
- Steve discussed the membership of the Council, as well as the Corporate sponsors.
- Steve also outlined our marketing plan for the watershed.
- The second annual “Discover the Raisin” award program application has been offered! Sybil Kolon discussed the details. It will include the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from schools within the watershed. Applications will be available by January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and applications are due February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Applicants have an option of choosing two hundred dollars or a water quality monitoring kit to be awarded to five various classrooms.
- What fun it was to join the AmeriCorps “Cedar Team 3” via Skype. They were introduced, and questions were asked about their experience in Adrian. The group consisted of nine 18 – 24 year olds.
- Rory Robinson from the National Parks Service was introduced. He was excited about our efforts and offered any assistance he could. Our rivers and trails, land and water are investments that pay off. He also talked about connections and operations and maintenance.

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### **9. Programs:**

- Steve introduced Andrea Stay from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. She discussed our three year project through the Erb Family Foundation Grant. She talked about the Farmer Conservation group that Steve is a part of, farmer cost-share and finding solutions – Conservation Districts, and refining communications that she will be a part of.
- Bob Zbiciak from the DEQ gave a presentation “*Why Do We Care About Wetlands?*” We currently have a loss of 202,000 acres of wetlands in the River Raisin Watershed.

### **10. Old Business:**

- Frank Stukenborg presented an introduction of the “Friends of the Saline River” was given. It is a seventeen acre preserve.

### **11. New Business:**

- None

### **12. Adjournment:**

- With no further business to come before us at this time a motion was made by Jim Driskill, seconded by Bob Jensen to adjourn. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karol “KZ” Bolton, Secretary  
River Raisin Watershed Council