2014 Spring Meeting Minutes
A.J. Smith Center, Tecumseh, MI
April 23, 2014

Representatives Present:

Lenawee County      Stephen May
Washtenaw County    Evan Pratt
Somerset            Don Tapan
Manchester Township Sybil Kolon
London Township     Joanne Darling
Frenchtown Township Hedi Kaufman
Dundee Township     Gary J. Lazette
York Township       Frank Stuckenborg
City of Milan       Martha Churchill
Monroe County       David C. Hoffman
Cambridge Township  Laurie Johncox
City of Saline      David Rhoads
Adrian Township     Charles Morris
Monroe Charter Township Richard A. Janssens
Norvell             David Lamb
Village of Dundee   Dave Uhl
Milan Township      Olga Mancik
Columbia Township   John Calhoun
Village of Blissfield James A. Wonacott
Rollin Township     Jerry Wilson
Tecumseh Township   Gerry Donaldson
City of Tecumseh    Gary Naugle
Sharon Township     Jim Mann
Village of Clinton  George Service

Others Present: Ron Mann (Manchester Township Alternate), John Farmer (York Township Alternate),
Jim Driill (Lenawee County Alternate), Phil Gerweck, Scott Dierks, Judith Holcomb, Kathlene Kurowicki,
Dan Ross, Samantha Ross, Chuck Laftis, Lauren Lindeman, Richard Micka, Linda Easley, Amy Gilhouse,
Mary Lirones, Jackie Calhoun, Robert E. Clark, Kenny Price, Jim Sietz, Mary Kratz, Kevin Kratz, Rodney
Haddix, John Chandler, Dick Cangley, Catherine Acerboni, Carley Kratz

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1. **Call to Order**

   The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Stephen May.

2. **Roll Call**

   Hedi Kaufman gave a roll call of representatives.

3. **Introductions**

   May led an introduction of the executive committee members, the conservation district staff, The Nature Conservancy staff and commissioners that were present.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

   May called Wilson moved to approve the agenda. This motion was supported by Naugle. **The motion carried by voice vote.**

5. **Approval of Fall Meeting Minutes; October 24, 2013**

   May called for a discussion of any corrections to the fall meeting minutes. Kaufman noted that Jim Driskill, Tim Kwiatowski and Dan Stefanski were spelled incorrectly, and that Jerry Wilson should be noted as representing Rollin Township rather than Rome Township. Calhoun made a motion to approve the fall 2013 meeting minutes with these amendments. Pratt supported the motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

6. **Treasurer’s Report**

   **A. Membership Update**

   May summarized the treasurer’s report noting the current number of member municipalities and dues received to date. The RRWC will follow up on unpaid dues over the next month.

   **B. Adoption of 2014 Budget**

   May noted that the grant funding in the budget will be reimbursed to partially cover the cost of part time help, office supplies and advertising, educational activities and printing of brochures, and administrative outreach. Kratz noted that the office equipment and supplies activity has exceeded the 2014 budget due to the unexpected need to purchase a new RRWC computer. May called for a motion to approve the 2014 budget. Pratt made a motion to approve the 2014 budget. The motion was supported by Rhoads. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
7. **Nominations and Selection of Executive Committee Members**

No new nominations for the executive committee were made from the floor. Wilson made a motion to re-elect the executive committee members for a second year. This motion was supported by Naugle. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

8. **Program**

Kratz gave a presentation outlining the roles of the watershed council in education, monitoring and protection, volunteer activities, and encouraging recreation on the River Raisin. She also briefly presented the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) and mycoremediation.

Scott Dierks gave a presentation looking backwards and forward on the watershed management plan. He highlighted some of the projects that have been funded using the watershed management plan as a guide, particularly in the Monroe area. He also presented a list of the concerns that have been improved and areas that still need more work.

Jim Seitz and Kenny Price from the Grand River Environmental Action Team (G.R.E.A.T.) gave a presentation on the history and activities of their organization. They highlighted past successful projects on the Grand River, and their paddling trips, some of which have taken place in the River Raisin Watershed.

9. **Set Calendar for Executive Committee Meetings**

May noted that the next executive committee meeting will be on May 13\(^{th}\) at 3 PM at the Tecumseh Police Station conference room.

10. **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

11. **New Business**

Kolon mentioned that the Spring Streamlines Newsletter is now available both in hard copy and online.

12. **Adjournment**

May called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was made by Wilson and supported by Naugle. **Motion carried by voice vote.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.