River Raisin Watershed Council
Semi-Annual Fall Meeting
October 22, 2015 – 6:30 PM
LISD Tech Center
1372 N. Main St., Adrian, MI 49221

1. Chairman Calhoun called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

2. Roll Call
   a. Members Present

   John Calhoun, Columbia Twp.
   David Lamb, Norvell Twp.
   George Service, Clinton Vil.
   Karol KZ Bolton, Lenawee Co.
   Jim Driskill, Lenawee Co.
   Jerry Wilson, Rollin Twp.
   Randy Kennard, Woodstock Twp.
   Gary Lazette, Dundee Twp.
   Hedi Kaufman, Frenchtown Charter Twp.
   David Hoffman, Monroe Co.
   Dale Wagenknect, Summerfield Twp.
   Sybil Kolon, Manchester Twp.
   David Rhoads, Saline City
   Jim Mann, Sharon Twp.
   Harry Sheehan, Washtenaw Co.
   David Richards, Macon Twp.
   Jim Isley, Palmyra Twp.
   Richard Janssens, Monroe Charter Twp.
   Laurie Fromhart, Bridgewater Twp.
   Buck Alar, Clinton Twp.
   Bob Jensen, Village of Brooklyn
   Bruce Caswell, Somerset Twp.


3. Point of Order
   a. (25) Delegates were required for a quorum - (22) members were present therefore a quorum was not present – business portion of the meeting was not conducted.
4. **Approval of Minutes of the Semi-Annual Spring Meeting – April 22, 2015**
   a. Minutes could not be approved because there was no quorum present.

5. **Treasurer’s Report**
   a. The Treasurer’s Report was given thru September 2015.
   b. 2016 Budget could not be adopted because there was no quorum present.

6. **“Discover the Raisin” Award program**
   a. Sybil Kolon gave an update on the proposed award program – Kolon had sent information to the EC on the proposed “Discover the Raisin” award program. Kolon is committed to seeing that this program would continue on an annual basis. The initial award would be for water quality testing kits for three middle school science classrooms, funded by the donation from ITC, at a cost of up to $1,500. Applications are to be returned by January 16, 2016.

7. **Executive Director Updates**
   a. Executive Director May gave updates on the transition into the Executive Director position, grant writing opportunities, building capacity in RRWC, updates on the grant with the Lenawee Conservation District – Farmer’s Advisory Committee, grant with The Stewardship Network, Art-A-Licious tent, Adopt-A-Stream, MI Cares grant proposal and other updates with partners in the watershed.

8. **Membership Updates:**
   a. 2015 Membership Update – Municipals (49) - $18,091.00 / Individuals (10) - $746.91 Corporations (4) - $2,748.97.

9. **Programs – “Partners Connecting the Raisin”**
Our first program was presented by Frank Stukenborg - Chairman of York Twp. Parks and Recreation and James Peters - Saline Area Historical Society. They spoke on the Saline River Greenway Alliance and the impact that the alliance has had on the area. Mr. Peters gave a brief history of the City of Saline and how the saline waters in the area was a significant contributor in naming the City – City of Saline.

The second Program was given by Dave Maxwell – Chairman Connecting Lenawee Task Force and Leah Groya – AICP, LEED, AP - Professional Planner + Partner – LivingLAB. They presented information on a project called “Connecting Lenawee.” The basis of the idea is to connect areas in Lenawee by non-motorized transportation including walk paths, bike paths and canoeing/kayaking on the rivers and streams. RRWC is partnering with One Lenawee to help facilitate their assessment and eventual information for grant writing.
The final program was presented by Robert Peven, AICP, Director - Monroe County Planning Department on the Monroe County Water Trails. Mr. Peven gave an update on the activities in the Monroe County area including the Discover the Waters of Monroe and the impact that the water trails have had on the area. Monroe County has produced a Water Trails Map that is available at the RRWC and is available online.

There were several questions from the audience addressed to each presenter.

10. Old Business
   a. None

11. New Business
   a. Next Executive Meeting – November 18, 2015 at 3:00 PM - RRWC Office – 320 Springbrook Ave Suite 102, Adrian, MI 49221.

12. Adjournment
   a. Chairman Calhoun dismissed delegates and guests at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Stephen May – Executive Director
November 17, 2015

Approval of Minutes

Date: ___________________________

Secretary: ______________________