Executive Committee Meeting
February 18, 2015
River Raisin Watershed Council Office
302 Springbrook Ave, Suite 102
Adrian, MI 49221

1. **Roll Call**
Chairman May called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM.
Executive Committee Members Present: Steve May, Laurie Johncox, John Calhoun, Hedi Kaufman, David Hoffman
Executive Committee Members Absent: Evan Pratt, Sybil Kolon
Others Present: Carley Kratz (Program Director), George Service (Village of Clinton), Larry Felpausch (Monroe County Alternate), John Chandler (Summerfield Township Supervisor)
Dale Wagenknecht (Summerfield Township), Randy (Woodstock Township)

2. **Approval January 7, 2015 Executive Committee Minutes**
Kaufman noted a few typos to correct in the draft of the meeting minutes. Kaufman made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections, supported by Calhoun. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

3. **Approval of Agenda**
May noted that the proposed deep-well injection site in Summerfield Township should be added to the agenda under New Business. Calhoun moved to approve the agenda as amended, supported by Kaufman. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

4. **Treasurer's Report**
a. **2014 Budget to Date & Bank Statements**
Handouts were provided including the Treasurer’s Report, monthly bank statement, and the 2015 budget to date. The bank account balance was $31,941.48 as of February 18th. Revenue of $11,826 included membership dues from Blissfield Township, the Village of Deerfield, London Township, Lenawee County, City of Milan, Village of Cement City, Sharon Township, Township of Milan, Village of Dundee, Macon Township, Paylimyra Township, Village of Clinton, Washtenaw County, Deerfield Township, City of Petersburg, Napoleon Township, Riga Township, City of Adrian, Frenchtown Charter Township, Village of Mancherster, Summerfield Township, Township of Cambridge, Charter Township of Madison, Monroe Charter Township, Woodstock Township, Franklin Township, Raisin Charter Township, Fairfield Township, Township of Rollin, Charter Township of York, Dundee Township, Township of Manchester, Raisinville Township and the City of Saline. Individual memberships from Victor Marshall, Martin and Hedi Kaufman and Mary Lirones and corporate memberships from Chrysler and MIS were included. Johncox noted that there were no disbursements for the month. Hoffman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, supported by Calhoun. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
b. Approve Disbursement for Outstanding Bills
Disbursements were approved in the amount of $1,075 to Philip Rubley for the 2014 audit and $73.50 to Lenawee County Printing for postage, printing of Farmer's Advisory Committee Brochure, and one roll of double sided tape. Hoffman made a motion to approve disbursements totaling $1,148.58, supported by Johncox. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

5. Program Director's Report
A handout was provided in advance of the meeting including all of the Program Director’s activities in January and early February. Kratz is working on finalizing the five year Adopt-A-Stream report to be summarized at the Spring Meeting, in addition to the Spring Newsletter. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of including an article on the proposed injection well in Summerfield Township in the Spring Newsletter.

a. Funding Updates
The MDARD WLEB RCPP proposal was funded and will provide funding for conservation practices to private landowners. The DEQ NPS proposal funding will likely be announced in the late summer or fall of 2015. The Stewardship Network’s GLRI proposal will likely be funded, with a subaward to the RRWC for education and outreach. Kratz is waiting to hear back from the DNR about the results of the MISGP application.

b. Membership Updates
Kratz provided a handout of all municipalities that have joined to date, and noted that Bridgewater Township had sent in a payment, which would be deposited shortly. 37 out of the 63 municipalities have joined. Kratz also provided a handout of municipality assignments to each Executive Committee member to help contact municipalities to ensure that they had received the 2015 dues notice.

6. Partnership Updates
a. Farmers Advisory Committee
Kratz reported that the next Farmer’s Advisory Committee Luncheon is scheduled for March 17th in Dundee. The RRWC will help to host a meeting on a Pay-for-Performance Pilot Project in the watershed on March 5th to provide incentive payments to farmers for implementing BMPs. More brochures were printed and distributed at the Center for Excellence Crop Day on January 9th.

b. TSN Grand Raisin Cluster
Kratz noted that she met with The Stewardship Network Grand Raisin Cluster on February 11th.

c. Upcoming Events
Kratz noted several upcoming events listed on the handout including the Quiet Water Symposium on March 7th, which will feature a RRWC booth. Dates for Adopt-A-Stream are tentative, but have been set for April 18th, May 2nd and May 9th. The Spring Meeting will be on April 22nd at Cabela’s. The Lake Erie Water Festival for Monroe area 6th graders will be on May 21st.

7. Committee Reports
Outreach: No meetings were held.
Technical: No meetings were held.
Development: No meetings were held.
Administrative: No meetings were held. Amendments to the bylaws will be voted on at the Spring 2015 meeting, and need to be sent out by March 22nd.
Financial: No report other than the Treasurer’s report.

8. Old Business
   a. Membership Dues Policy
      May reported that the dues exploration committee had a conference call and suggested that the dues exploration committee should make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on how to proceed with further action on possible changes to the dues structure. It was noted that the dues structure was just reformed in 2013, and restructuring dues this spring may be too early.

9. New Business
   a. Spring Meeting
      Refreshments for the Spring 2015 Meeting will be served at 5:30 PM on April 22nd, with the official program beginning at 6 PM. The meeting will be held at Cabela’s. There was a brief discussion on possible speakers to invite.

   b. Summerfield Township Proposed Injection Well
      Summerfield Township Supervisor, John Chandler led a discussion about the proposed deep-well injection site. The EPA will likely hold a public hearing, although the date has yet to be scheduled. The well will be approximately 765-1,200 feet deep. There is concern in the community about this injection well due to a large number of private drinking water wells in the area and the underlying karst geology of the area. Chandler reported that there have been sinkholes less than three miles from the proposed site in the past.

10. Next Meeting
    The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on March 18th at 3 PM at the RRWC office in Adrian.

11. Adjournment
    A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Calhoun at 4:07 PM, supported by Johncox. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by Carley Kratz
RRWC Program Director
March 11, 2015

Approval of Minutes

Date: _______________________

Secretary: Hedi Kaufman

Signature: ____________________