River Raisin Watershed Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2019 – 10:30 AM
Lenawee Drain Commission Office
320 Springbrook Ave. Suite 102
Adrian, MI 49221

1. Roll Call
   Chairman Calhoun called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM.

   Executive Committee Members Present: John Calhoun, Harry Sheehan, Sybil Kolon, KZ Bolton, and Phil Kittredge.

   Executive Committee Members Absent: Dave Hoffman and John Chandler.

   Others Present: Stephen May – RRWC Executive Director, Danielle Brosamer – RRWC Water Quality Coordinator, Trudi Cooper – Sharon Township Delegate, George Service – Village of Clinton Delegate, and Katie Goplerud-Smith – RRWC Outreach Coordinator

2. Approval of August 20, 2019 – Agenda
   a. Motion by Kolon, second by Kittredge to approve the August 20, 2019 agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Approval of July 16, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
   a. Motion by Kolon, second by Kittredge to approve the July 16, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. Treasurer’s Report
   a. The Treasurer’s Report for the period July 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019 was distributed and reviewed by Bolton. Revenue - $1,870.19 - Expenses - $24,364.65 – Balance to date: $43,795.26. Motion by Sheehan second by Kittredge to accept and file Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried by voice vote.
c. Approve Disbursements for Outstanding Bills: New bills reported: Katie Goplerud-Smith: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - $225.04; Katie Goplerud-Smith: Mileage Reimbursement FLG - $33.06; Danielle Brosamer: Mileage Reimbursement MSU - $783.00; Stephen May: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - $80.62; Lenawee County Printing & Purchasing (postage & copier) – $14.41; NCM Movie ad - $440.00; First Federal Visa (Displays, river clean-up supplies, Len. Co. fair tickets) - $1,055.28; Advantage Visuals (partial payment) - $507.50; American Farm Museum & Education Center - $500; John Calhoun – Knutson’s Sporting Goods Raffle Item Reimbursement - $67.07. Total of $3,705.98. Motion by Kittredge, second by Bolton to authorize payment of these bills. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. Executive Director Updates (See Report – on file)
   a. Report /Membership updates
      i. City of Adrian – Interested in second half of river survey on South Branch, particularly for a consultant to help with Kiwanis Trail/walkway/kayak launch proposals.
      ii. Brooklyn kayak launch proposal is ready to submit.
      iii. Membership – 52/63 municipalities are members
         1. OHM Advisors became a corporate member
   b. Upcoming Events
      i. Nature Walk: West County Park, Dundee – 9/13, 10-11am
      ii. Adrian Rotary Clean Up – 9/14, 9am-12pm
      iii. Sterling State Park Beach Clean Up – 9/14, 9am-12pm
      iv. Washtenaw County Clean Up Day, Saline – 9/14, 10am-2pm
      v. Artalicious – 9/20-21
      vi. Invasive Species Workday – 9/28, 9:30am-12:30pm
      vii. Clinton Fall Festival – 9/27-9/29
      viii. Great Lakes Restoration Celebration – 10/18
   c. Contracts/Grants Update - MDARD to reimburse Danielle’s mileage. Reimbursement through September and hope to extend.

6. Outreach Coordinator Updates
   a. Advantage Visuals Marketing Video Update – Getting footage from RRWC and FLG events.
   b. Manchester/Bridgewater/Sharon Twp Mile Marker Update – No signs in yet, recommended in the fall.
   c. Adrian Rotary Clean Up – 9/14, 9am-12pm – Update – Danielle will be there since there are 2 other events going on that day!
   d. Lenawee County Fair - Thanks to all the volunteers! Small profit of $133.
   e. Japanese knotweed JLW CISMA Grant – Grant received for contract services (from PlantWise of Ann Arbor) to spray in Sept. Volunteers cut it last week.
   f. Clinton Arts Center Display – 75 feet of wall space for 18 different displays. Title is Raisin Expectations: Healthy Lands = Healthy Waters. Install over Labor Day. Artist in gallery about plastic pollution.
   g. Great Outdoors Jamboree – Lake Hudson – 9/8 – Need some volunteers to man the booth.
h. Art-A-Licious – Downtown Adrian – 9/20-21 – Need volunteers also. Kids can create cork boats, paper fish, and paint rocks!

7. Water Quality Coordinator Update
   a. Eventually will sample for e.coli.

8. Partnership Updates,
   a. ERB Grant – Farmer-Led Watershed Conservation
      i. ERB Foundation – Year 3 Update – Met with Melissa and leadership group and submitted another 3 year extension. This will be a bit more funding than the last 3 years to focus on women and younger generations.

9. Committee Reports

   Outreach – Working on recruiting education volunteers to help in the classroom (train on the water models).
   Technical – KZ continuing to work with bank to get treasurer information
   Development – None.
   Administrative – None.
   Financial – None.

10. Old Business
    a. Displays – Purchased and now on display at the meeting

11. New Business
    a. Semi-Annual Meeting - Speaker ideas: someone approached Steve at the last meeting from Saline. Possibility to have at the Onsted Mill, somewhere in Saline, or Brooklyn Sportsman Club

12. Public Comments
    a. Phil Kittredge: Loch Erin sampling has found increased levels of e coli in the streams flowing into Loch Erin (human and cattle). Next steps include hiring dog service to find sources. Might RRWC be interested in assisting with cost?
    b. Trudi Cooper: “Numaseppe: Paddle to the Sea” – Celebration of the River Raisin: A large paddle event to go down the entire river. Involve all communities along the way to help local shops/parks. Lots of preparation required to clean out log jams and make a route. Prizes/celebration along the way.

13. Next Meeting – September 17, 2019 at the Clinton Arts Center 114 W. Michigan Ave, Clinton, MI; 10:30am.

14. Adjournment
    a. Motion by Kolon, second by Bolton to adjourn meeting at 12:00 PM. Motion carried.


Approval of Minutes

Date: __9/16/2019__________________

Secretary: ____________________________
                        Sybil Kolon