MEMBERS PRESENT:
Jim Driskill  Lenawee County
Lynn Henning  Hudson Twp.
David Hoffman  Monroe County
Laurie Johncox  Cambridge Twp.
Keith Kapnick  Deerfield Twp.
Hedi Kaufman  Frenchtown Charter Twp.
Sybil Kolon  Manchester Twp.
Gary Lazette  Dundee Twp.
Mary Lirones  Saline City
Jim Mann  Sharon Twp.
Steve May  Lenawee County
David Pixley  Palmyra Twp.
Roger Roback  Madison Charter Twp.
Frank Stukenborg  York Charter Twp.
Dale Wagenknect  Summerfield Twp.
Jerry Wilson  Rollin Twp.
John Delmotte  Raisinville Twp


Handouts of the proposed draft by-laws, minutes of the Fall 2012 meeting, the 2013 paid municipalities and designated representatives as well as a proposed revision of the budget were given out.

1. Call to Order
Chairman Jim Mann called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Members
The roll was called with sixteen representatives present. It was noted that Lenawee County has two representatives because of population.

3. Introductions:
All others introduced themselves and who they represent

4. Approval of Agenda
Kaufman made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a letter of support regarding the Coastal Management Grant to develop a Lake Erie Coastal Water Trail Plan. Second by Laurie Johncox. Motion carried.

5. Approval of October 25, 2012 Fall Meeting minutes
Laurie Johncox made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, second by Kolon. Motion carried.

5.a. Grant for Monroe County Coastal Management
The Monroe County Planning Department is applying for a grant to develop a Lake Erie Coastal Water Trail Plan and has requested a letter of support from the RRWC. The main focus of the project would be to promote tourism for non-motorized watercraft recreation along the Lake Erie shoreline and connecting
Kaufman had drafted a letter of support from the RRWC. David Hoffman made a motion to approve the letter, second by Dale Wagenknecht. **Motion carried.**

6. Proposed Amendments to Bylaws
Kolon explained that specific changes were needed in the bylaws for the RRWC to fully comply with the statute under which we are formed. An attorney, working pro bono, had assisted with the revisions and the NEW (Non-Profit Enterprise at Work) Center also provided input. Kaufman added that these bylaws are much more clear than previous versions. Kaufman made a motion to accept the bylaws as presented. Second by David Pixley. **Roll call vote: All ayes, motion carried.**

7. Election of Members of Executive Committee
As per the by-laws, the Executive Committee is selected from member government representatives, and automatically includes a representative from each of the major counties (having at least 15% of their area in the watershed), provided their dues are paid. Therefore, Steve May (Lenawee County) David Hoffman (Monroe County) and Rolland Sizemore (Washtenaw County) each have a seat on the Executive Committee. The current Executive Committee recommended to the entire council the following four additional members: Sybil Kolon, Hedi Kaufman, Julius Suchy, and Laurie Johncox. Nominations from the floor were requested with no response. Chairman Mann asked for a show of hands to accept the election of Executive Committee members. **Motion carried.**

8. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary & Treasurer by Executive Committee
As per the by-laws, the Executive Committee elects officers from its members. The following slate of officers was nominated: Chair: Steve May, Vice Chair: Sybil Kolon, Secretary: Hedi Kaufman, Treasurer: Julius Suchy. **The Executive Committee voted to approve the officers as nominated with a unanimous show of hands.**
Mann said Steve May had asked him to conclude chairing the meeting. Mann asked newly elected Chairman May to say a few words. Steve May said he has plans to set up committees to handle specific topics. He also plans to encourage service clubs, schools, and others to get involved with the RRWC. He promised to be frugal with the budget.

9. Treasurer’s Report
Kolon reviewed the proposed revised budget in the absence of Treasure Suchy. Jim Driskill made a motion to accept the revised budget as presented, second by Roger Roback. **Motion passed.**

10. Ecology and Management of Woody Debris in Streams
Joe Rathbun, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, provided handouts and gave a very informative slide presentation and narrative on woody debris in streams.

11. Overview of the River Raisin Watershed and Recent Monitoring
Dr. Jim Martin from Adrian College gave an excellent slide presentation and narrative on the watershed and the Adopt-a-Stream program.

12. Next meeting
Mann thanked everyone again and reminded them that we are the ones that need to inform others about the importance of the RRWC. Kolon encouraged everyone to spread the word that we need volunteers to keep this going and to look for potential grant money that can improve the quality of the RRWC. Membership meets two times a year, usually spring and fall. We are looking at October for our Fall meeting and will notify everyone when the date is set.

13. Adjournment
Kolon made a motion to adjourn; second by Mann. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm

Respectively submitted,
Linda Progler
April 15, 2013

RRWC Administrative Assistant  **Approved October 24, 2013**