River Raisin Watershed Council
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2019 – 10:30 AM
Clinton Arts Center: 115 W. Michigan Ave.
Clinton, MI 49236

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, George Service – Village of Clinton Delegate, Pam McCan – Clinton Resident, and Katie Goplerud-Smith – RRWC Outreach Coordinator

2. Approval of September 17, 2019 – Agenda
   a. Motion by Kolon, second by Kittredge to approve the September 17, 2019 agenda. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Approval of August 20, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
   a. Motion by Bolton, second by Kolon to approve the August 20, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. Treasurer’s Report
   a. The Treasurer’s Report for the period August 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019 was distributed and reviewed by Bolton. Revenue - $15,446.56 - Expenses - $2,973.78 – Balance to date: $56,268.04. Motion by Kittredge second by Kolon 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 - $186.76; Danielle Brosamer: Mileage Reimbursement MSU - $635.10; Stephen May: Mileage Reimbursement RRWC - $34.80; NCM Movie ad - $440.00; First Federal
Visa (Displays, river clean-up supplies, MI Trail Maintenance Manual) - $245.90; Advantage Visuals (partial payment) - $618.75: **Total of $2,161.31.** Motion by Kittredge, second by Bolton to authorize payment of these bills. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

5. **Public Comments**
   a. Pam McCann mentioned the Clinton Arts Center is closing at the end of September. She is working on a proposal for repurposing and building to focus on community art, watershed issues, and environmental education. She suggested the RRWC could be involved in that effort.

6. **Executive Director Updates (See Report – on file)**
   a. Report /Membership updates
      i. RRWC/FLG presentation at MACD Conference on Oct. 28 with one of the farmer leaders.
      ii. The Stewardship Network/Cooling the Hotspots Funds – Meeting 9/30 with leaders and Lisa Brush to discuss strategies to use with the South Branch.
      iii. Membership – 52/63 municipalities are members, 19 individuals, 5 corporate
   b. Upcoming Events
      i. Artalicious – 9/20-21
      ii. Invasive Species Workday – 9/28, 9:30am-12:30pm
      iii. Adopt-A-Stream: Training Day – 9/28, 2-4pm
      iv. Clinton Fall Festival – 9/27-9/29
      v. Adopt-A-Stream: Stream Search Day -10/5, 9am
      vi. Clinton Womens Club presentation– 10/2
      viii. Great Lakes Restoration Celebration – 10/18
      ix. Semi-Annual Fall Meeting – 10/24
   c. Contracts/Grants Update - MDARD to reimburse Danielle’s mileage through September. Hope to use funds from FLG to continue sampling.

7. **Outreach Coordinator Updates**
   a. Advantage Visuals Marketing Video Update – Continuing to get footage from RRWC and FLG events.
   b. Paddle in Dundee – 8 people came along and picked up lots of trash along the way!
   c. Manchester/Bridgewater/Sharon Twp Mile Marker Update – No signs in yet, recommended in the fall. Grand Opening of the new park in downtown Manchester with sprint canoe race on 9/19
   d. Clean-up Day Extravaganza (Adrian, Monroe, Saline)– 40 volunteers in Monroe with over 200lbs of trash picked up; 50 volunteers at Adrian clean up (lots of Siena Heights/Adrian College students); Saline Clean up Day had much more manageable turn out than last year with better logistics.
   f. Clinton Arts Center Display – Suburban Chevrolet is interested in having RRWC’s displays up!
   g. Great Outdoors Jamboree – Lake Hudson – KZ and Danielle helped out on a beautiful day and had lots of examples of invasive plants to show visitors.
h. Art-A-Licious – Downtown Adrian – 9/20-21 – Need volunteers also. Kids can create cork boats, paper fish, and paint rocks!

8. **Water Quality Coordinator Update**
   a. Erb Grant – FLG will decide where to sample if able to use those funds for sampling/mileage. MSU won’t be funding anymore because they haven’t found any significant differences in the sampling.

9. **Partnership Updates,**
   a. ERB Grant – Farmer-Led Watershed Conservation
      i. ERB Foundation – Year 3 Update – Renewal approval will be known by the end of September. Cooling the Hotspots will be discussed also.

10. **Committee Reports**
    - Outreach - None.
    - Technical – None.
    - Development – Include corporate members/new members at Semi-Annual Meetings/ on website.
    - Administrative – None.
    - Financial – None.

11. **Old Business**
    a. Semi-Annual Meeting – 10/24, 6-8pm @ Hidden Lake Gardens
       i. Director will present details about the new Tower & speaker will be Jim Peters about Saline Salt Springs. People will be encouraged to come early to explore. Admission free for those coming to meeting. $150 to rent room.
    b. No Executive Committee Meeting on Oct. 15. Motion by Sheehan second by Bolton to authorize normal expenditures for Semi-Annual Meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
    c. Any other regular business will be handled ahead of Semi-Annual Fall Meeting.

12. **New Business**
    a. Stantech was contacted to be a corporate member.

13. **Public Comments**
    a. Harry Sheehan: HAB Conference – Focused a lot on a technological push for drilling fertilizer. This year’s bloom was not as bad as predicted. There was lots of application in the spring, about 62% didn’t end up planting this season. Dissolved P was lower than predicted.

14. **Next Meeting** – October 24, 2019 at Hidden Lake Gardens, 6-8pm.

15. **Adjournment**
    a. Motion by Kolon, second by Bolton to adjourn meeting at 11:51AM. **Motion carried.**


**Approval of Minutes**

**Date: ___November 19, 2019________**

**Secretary: ___ Sybil Kolon ________**