2015 Spring Meeting Minutes
Cabela’s, Dundee, MI
April 22, 2015

Representatives Present:

City of Saline          David Rhoads
Macon Township         David Richards
Washtenaw County       Evan Pratt
Village of Manchester  Pat Vaillancourt
Village of Clinton     Kevin Cornish
Columbia Township      John Calhoun
Village of Brooklyn    Bob Jenson
London Township        Joanne Darling
Sharon Township        Jim Mann
York Township          Frank Stukenborg
Milan Township         Olga Mancik
Lenawee County         Steve May
Lenawee County         Jim Driskill
Dundee Township        Gary Lazette
Woodstock Township     Randy Kennard
Manchester Township    Sybil Kolon
Summerfield Township   Dale Wagenknecht
Monroe County          David Hoffmain
Tecumseh Township      Gerry Donaldson
Cambridge Township     Laurie Johncox
Village of Onsted      Wendell Johncox
Village of Dundee      Dave Uhl
Frenchtown Township    Hedi Kaufman

1. **Call to Order**

   The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Steve May, followed by the pledge of allegiance. May introduced the Executive Committee members.

2. **Roll Call**

   Hedi Kaufman gave a roll call of representatives. No quorum was present, so the program presentations began before the official business meeting. May noted that some municipalities might need new representatives, and encouraged members from the general public that were present to contact their local municipality to become an official representative on the watershed council.

3. **Program**

   a. Carley Kratz, Program Director, gave an overview of the Adopt-A-Stream program and water-trails.

   b. Jeffrey Braunscheidel, DNR Senior Fisheries Biologist, presented information on fish species found in the watershed.

4. **Roll Call**

   A quorum was reached when Dave Uhl arrived at 7 PM, and the official business meeting commenced.

5. **Approval of Agenda**

   Pratt made a motion to approve the agenda for the business meeting as presented, supported by Donaldson. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

6. **Approval of Special Fall Business Meeting Minutes; November 12, 2014**

   Pratt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, supported by Hoffman. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

7. **Nominations & Election of Executive Committee Officers**

   No new nominations for the executive committee were made from the floor. Wagenknecht made a motion to re-elect the Executive Committee members, supported by Driskill. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

8. **Treasurer’s Report**

   A. **2015 Budget**
Handouts were provided giving details of the 2015 budget. May gave an overview of the 2015 budget to date.

B. Audit Update

May noted that the 2014 audit was successful.

There was a brief discussion on possible fundraising activities, the need for more volunteers, and visibility at local fairs. Donaldson made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, supported by Jenson. **Motion carried by voice vote**

9. Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

A handout of the proposed amendments to the bylaws and part 311 of the NREPA were provided. Kolon led a discussion on these changes. These included minor terminology and formatting changes for clarity. Kolon noted that there is currently no official conflict of interest statement, and that members will need to self-identify potential conflicts of interest as they arise. A new section was added under Article V Section 2.A.7 to allow attendance via remote communications to count towards quorum at Executive Committee meetings. Morris asked if attendance by electronic communications complied with the open meetings act. Kolon noted that this was similar to the language used in the bylaws of other 501(c)3 non-profit organizations. Kolon noted that language was clarified regarding election of the Executive Committee at an annual meeting, in accordance with part 311 of the NREPA. This included clarifying the terms of office by electing representatives on the Executive Committee annually with a 6 year term limit. Article VII Section 1 was modified to allow the Executive Committee to adopt an annual budget for the following year if no quorum is present at the fall meeting, with final approval taking place at the next full meeting of the representatives. Article VII Section 8 was modified to include yearly instead of bi-yearly audits. This will allow the RRWC to be eligible for more funding opportunities. Kaufman made a motion to approve the amendments to the bylaws, supported by Wagenknecht. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

10. Program

C. Franci Krawcke from the Leslie Science and Nature Center presented live River Raisin Raptors including a Barred Owl and Bald Eagle.

11. Old Business

No old business was reported.

12. New Business
Representative Gretchen Driskill announced her support of the RRWC, including working on legislation related to nutrient and pollution run-off, and natural resource access concerns such as drilling and pipeline safety.

John Chandler, Summerfield Township Supervisor, noted an upcoming EPA public hearing on a proposed deep-well injection site on May 27th. This project is particularly concerning to local residents due to the underlying karst geology of the area.

Amy Gilhouse, Lenawee County MAEAP Technician, noted that registration was open for the upcoming “Fields to the Great Lakes” events, which brings farmers, landowners and partners of agriculture to the waters of the Great Lakes each summer. A brochure on the events was available.

Johanna Lentz provided information on her Sustainable Agriculture class at the Lenawee County Intermediate School District Center for a Sustainable Future, which is accepting new enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year.

May mentioned the Rover and Nexus pipeline projects that cross the watershed, with the next meeting on the Nexus Pipeline on May 6th in Tecumseh.

Jim Mann and Pat Vailliencourt noted the upcoming 49th annual Canoe Race in Manchester on the third Sunday in May.

John Hummer noted ongoing parking lot pavement projects near Lake Columbia, which are concerning to citizens due to the lack of permitting and silt fences.

Evan Pratt, Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner, mentioned that the drains in Washtenaw County would be inventoried soon. He also noted that funding might be available to local landowners through the WLEB RCPP program soon.

Faye Stoner, Naturalist at the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, noted that a hike along two preserves along the River Raisin in Bridgewater Township would be held on May 24th.

13. **Adjournment**

Donaldson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, supported by Lazette. **Motion carried by voice vote.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.