



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING KAWKAWLIN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

### Meeting Minutes November 12, 2014

1. President Jeff Staudacher called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. Roll Call: Jeff Staudacher, Mike Darbee, Joe Vogl, Julie Kleinau, Jerome Bartkowiak, Dave Bledsoe, Tim Mark, John Roszatycki, and Paul Woods were present. Doug Horner, Connie Kudrow, Bob Rau, Glenn Rowley, and Darryl Steiner were excused. Ben Ramsay was absent. Guests Russ Beaubien (Spicer Group) and Sarah McDonnell (UM Flint) were present later in the meeting.
3. Secretary's Report: The minutes from the October board meeting were sent out in advance of the meeting. There were no additions or corrections proposed. Tim moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Jerome seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Joe Vogl provided the financial report for the last month. Revenues included sponsorship fees from three golf sponsors. Expenses listed were for the buoy tender pontoon and need to be approved. We still have a little left of our grant monies. (We've spent \$8261 of \$9000). Since the financial report was published the Pimco bond funds have been moved to the John Hancock bond funds as approved at the last board meeting. John moved to approve the pontoon expenses on the financial report, Tim seconded the motion. The expenses were unanimously approved. Tim moved to approve the overall financial report, Dave seconded the motion. The financial report was unanimously approved.
5. Bills Before the Board: There were some bills from Linwood Beach Marina. The expenses were for batteries, the motor mount, and the steering helm for a total of \$476.98. Tim moved to approve the expenses, Mike seconded the motion. The expenses were unanimously approved.
6. Committees:
  - a. Kawkawlin River Grant – Sarah McDonnell gave a brief update on the watershed tour held last month. Mike Green attended along with a small group including some members of the KRWA. The McLean Nature Preserve was a highlight of the tour. Her education committee met earlier today and discussed several workshops coming up in the next few months. She would like to hold a summit meeting in the February timeframe to bring together people working on various Kawkawlin River Watershed initiatives. (Potentially Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, around the 6 or 6:30 pm timeframe). She would also like to hold a watershed tour on the river next year – perhaps the last weekend in May? Mike mentioned that the late May date might be good for scouting the river before the cleanup. We also discussed opportunities for networking with other watershed organizations.

- b. Environmental
  - i. Weed Control – Jerome – no update.
  - ii. River Restoration – Russ Beaubien of Spicer Engineering (author of Kawkawlin River Watershed Management Plan) reported on the status of the restoration project for the Kawkawlin River (dredging Phase I). Unfortunately, bureaucracies are slowing things down, which is not entirely unexpected. Present status: The necessary contracts were signed (with the DNR, Bangor Township) by July 29<sup>th</sup>. The notice to proceed from the State of Michigan was received on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The hydrographic survey (ECT) was completed by August 15<sup>th</sup>. The hydrographic survey shows there is less than one third of the amount of spoils needing to be removed than the original estimate, which should save us some money once the project starts. The Corps of Engineers and the state will likely have a public notice period on the project. Due to the remaining tasks, the best estimate is that work would be advertised in February. Work will likely not begin until late August of next year, as the spoils site is closed for dumping spoils during the bird nesting season.
  - iii. Water Quality – no update.
  - iv. River Clean Up – no update.
- c. Government – no update.
- d. Safety
  - i. Buoy Tender – Joe provided an update on the insurance situation with Saginaw Bay Underwriter's. The best price they could find for full coverage of the \$14000 value is \$1500 per year. For just the liability portion of the coverage the price is \$500 per year. However, we can't buy liability as a stand-alone policy. The total is \$2000 per year, with exclusions. Glenn Rowley is going to get involved in looking overall at our insurance policies and we will do a review before we proceed with getting buoy tender coverage. Jeff has someone else reviewing policies to determine if we can get a better deal. A test run of the buoy tender with three people (Dave, Tim, and another volunteer is scheduled for next Tuesday – the BC Times would like to come out to do an article and take a picture the first time we take it out.
- e. Education
  - i. Membership – Glenn sent a report before the meeting: We have 214 members from 117 households. He plans on using last year's renewal solicitation letter for this year's membership drive. He will send out the mailing within a few days of the newsletter, and do an e-mail reminder as well.
  - ii. Fun: no update.
  - iii. History – no update.
  - iv. Newsletter Articles - November 21<sup>st</sup> article due date.
  - v. Website/Facebook – Dave did a presentation that might be useful for others to use – he used it at the Coastal Initiative Regional Meeting. He will make it available.
- f. Finance Committee – no update.

7. Old Business –
  - a. KRWA Board long range plan (5 year plan) – John asked each board member to come to the table of what is pertinent in their mind, and we'll bring in a facilitator to work on the plan.
8. New Business – none.
9. Next Board Meeting: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Bangor Township Meeting Room.
10. Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie A. Kleinau  
Secretary - KRWA