



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING KAWKAWLIN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

### Meeting Minutes, April 8, 2015

1. Call to Order: President Jeff Staudacher called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. Roll Call: Jeff Staudacher, Mike Darbee, Joe Vogl, Julie Kleinau, Doug Horner, Connie Kudrow, Bob Rau, John Roszatycki, and Paul Woods were present. Jerome Bartkowiak, Dave Bledsoe, Tim Mark, Ben Ramsay, and Glenn Rowley were excused. Member Jeff Sinicki attended the meeting (he has an interest in joining the board).
3. Secretary's Report: The March board meeting minutes will be available for approval at next month's board meeting along with the minutes from tonight's meeting. Dave Bledsoe will provide his notes to Julie for preparing the minutes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Joe Vogl – Revenues for the last month included a River Journal Ad fee (bringing our total sponsorship up to 11 paid ads). 5 additional membership dues. Expenditures included Ice Fire. John moved to approve the treasurer's report, Bob seconded the motion. The financial report was unanimously approved.
5. Bills before the Board: Joe had 3 bills needing approval: \$133 for stamps for annual meeting mailing, Michigan Lakes & Streams membership (\$100), and \$138.47 for newsletter printing (Bay-Arenac ISD). John moved to approved reimbursement of the bills, Mike seconded the motion. Reimbursement was unanimously approved.
6. Committees:
  - a. Environmental
    - i. River Restoration: John met with Bangor Township supervisor (Terry Watson) and treasurer (Donna Leitermann). They discussed the two allotments of approved state money for the restoration project - \$500K from DNR, and \$1.1M. Terry, Donna and John went to Lansing. They received clarification that the money for the Phase II engineering study project can come out of the \$1.1M allotment. John has asked ECT to provide a detailed cost breakdown of the project by river section. We are applying for additional grant monies to fund the rest of Phase II. Monitor Township will be the primary recipient on the next grant of \$500K, as most of that spending will be in Monitor Township. An additional grant for \$250K is being applied for with Bangor Township. Phase I (mouth) work should begin late summer/early fall. Bid proposal out, due back soon.

- ii. River Cleanup – June 6th: Glenn reported he was interviewed by MLive about the event. He is in the process of securing sponsors. He needs help picking up items for the event. People need to let Glenn know if they can help. John said he talked to Charlie Bauer last year about applying for grants to help fund the river cleanup. John is not applying for it this year (from Saginaw Bay WIN), but he suggested we apply for this grant for next year.
- b. Government – no updates.
- c. Safety – Tim Mark reported that he has placed an order to Taylor Made Products to replace our 4 lost buoys. The quoted cost will be \$163.19 per buoy plus freight charges. They should be received at Bangor Township Hall within a couple of weeks.
- d. Education
  - i. Membership: Glenn is updating the membership list to bring to the annual meeting.
  - ii. Fun: Poker Paddle: June 20<sup>th</sup>: Mike will be starting from the list of things that were paid for from last year to get going on now. Mike is talking to Chris, they will be coming up with a list of tasks, and Mike will enlist help from the other board members as needed. Discussed need for more porta potties along route so paddlers don't ask to use resident's bathrooms. Kathryn from the CAN Council will make flyers for the cardboard boat race for the annual meeting.
  - iii. History: Bob Rau: NEH-WAY-GO article for the next newsletter.
  - iv. Newsletter: Articles for the May newsletter will be due the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May.
  - v. Website/Facebook: Kevin can post updates as needed.
- e. Finance - no update.

## 7. Old Business

- a. Insurance: our old board liability policy through Saginaw Bay Underwriters will expire on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Joe is still waiting to get the bill for our new policy. Mike reported the bill has arrived and just needs a signature so we should be all set before the annual meeting.
- b. Annual Meeting: Our speaker for the evening will be Eric Jhyla, former WNEM TV5 weatherman and local historian. Board elections: There will be one vote per household membership as always. Jeff to make ballots and bring to the meeting. The board seats up for renewal: Doug Horner, Bob Rau, Glenn Rowley, Ben Ramsay, and Paul Woods. All want to run again. We need a replacement for Darryl (1 year seat). Jim Nesbitt has expressed an interest in running for the board again. Jeff Sinicki has also expressed an interest. Joe will be there at 5 pm for setup and will bring tablecloths. The board Reorganization meeting is immediately following the annual membership meeting and will include election of officers for 2015.
- c. Strategic Plan Update: Draft version 2 provided by Charlie Bauer. We will discuss more at the May board meeting. There was a discussion of how to communicate the vision at the annual meeting in addition to strategies for committee member recruitment. We will pass around committee sign-ups at the tables instead of at a separate sign-up table. John will make up the committee sign-up forms. Joe will bring clipboards for the sign-up forms.

8. New Business

- a. The KRWA has received a \$250 Caring for Community grant from the Consumer's Energy Foundation. The letter with the grant was sent by Secretary/Treasurer Carolyn Bloodworth. Mary Kulis of Public Relations at Consumer's Energy was instrumental in getting us this grant. They would like any copies of publications mentioning this grant. John suggested we put the grant in savings for now (our building fund perhaps). Jeff suggested that we use it for this year's River Cleanup expenses and the board agreed. Julie to write a thank-you and an article for newsletter.
  - b. Jeff would prefer not to be President next year – is anyone else interested?
9. Next Board Meeting – Reorganization meeting after the Annual Meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The next monthly board meeting is May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, at the Bangor Township meeting room.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm. (John moved to adjourn, Mike seconded)

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Kleinau  
Secretary, KRWA