

Rogue River Watershed Partners Board of Directors Meeting

September 8, 2021

Attendees: April Scholtz, Jessie Schulte, Gretchen Zuiderveen, Courtney Marek, Bryce Spence, Dana Strauss, Bill Otten

1. The meeting began with an overview of the West Michigan Land Conservancy's plan to submit a "Notice of Intent" for the 2022 319 Nonpoint Source grant program, for the purchase of a conservation easement on a property (aka Odybrook) on Little Cedar Creek owned by "Ranger" Steve Mueller and his wife. April will pursue a time when this board can tour the property. Courtney suggested that we also include EGLE representation.

April requested the RRWP participation/support in this effort. Dana clarified that a letter of commitment carries more weight than a letter of support. A letter of commitment would require the RRWP to actively be involved such as including it on our Website, Facebook page and organize a tour / public event to help educate. Jessie made a motion to have RRWP provide a letter of commitment that was approved.

2. No Meeting Minutes from August meeting have been prepared. Jessie mentioned they had discussions with Josh Zuiderveen on the RRWP act as a fiduciary for the funds for Courtland Township to move forward with the Rum Creek wetlands restoration.

3. Old Action Items:

Date Assigned	Action Item	Status	Assignee
7/14/21	Pursue venues for in person meetings	Open	Bill
7/14/21	Jamie Vaughn for a presentation on TU watershed monitoring	Open	Bryce / Jessie

*Jake Lemon has requested that Jamie Vaughn provide the TU watershed monitoring presentation. That will be scheduled in the fall.

4. Upcoming Events

- Farmers Market – we are signed up to have a booth on 18 September (Gretchen confirmed). Jessie and Bryce offered to help set up. We also believe Todd McClelland and his wife can support. Courtney offered to provide the 'shoots and ladders' game for use at this event.

5. Financial Statement / Intern – Bryce presented the latest financial statement and a letter requesting support / funding from local businesses. Comments to the letter were provided and Bryce will update and coordinate with Bill for signature. The board approved the costs to send out the letter which included the procurement of 200 stickers.

6. New Business

- Annual Meeting – we are targeting 11 November at 5pm at the 3rd Nature Brewery for between 15-20 people. Bill to confirm with 3rd Nature Brewery we can meet at this time.
- Stream Monitoring. Gretchen reported that the RRWP had funded a stream monitoring station and the confluence of Cedar Creek and the Rogue River. Bill to verify with Jake Lemon that this station is up and running or in the works.

7. New Actions Items

Date Assigned	Action Item	Status	Assignee
9/8/21	Send letter soliciting business membership	Open	Bryce
9/8/21	Secure location for Annual meeting	Open	Bill
9/8/21	Cedar Creek Monitoring Station Status	Open	Bill

8. Close – Next meeting September 8 at 9am. Jessie to set up ZOOM