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GLRC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019
Meeting Time: 8:30 a.m.
Meeting Location: Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
3135 Pine Tree Rd., Suite 2C
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1. **Welcome and Introductions** Acting as chair, Mr. Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Hanses moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Malvetis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 6, 2019:** Mr. Hanses moved to approve the June 6, 2019 Minutes. Ms. Kline-Robach seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Chair Remarks**
VCh/ Bryant had no remarks.
6. **Treasurer's Report**
Planner Walls gave an update for the promotional videos; the money budgeted for the project has not been spent yet but will be paid soon as they are finished. There should be a final bill from the production team to around \$3,000.00, depending on final shot selection. He also stated that about half of the PEP allotment has been spent.
Planner Walls informed the committee that dues for the year have been paid.

Mr. Ishraidi moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Armentrout seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **EGLE Update**
Ms. Alwin informed everyone that all the applications except one had been approved; many should be in the pre-public notice stage or have already gotten their public notice packages. She explained that the deadline for the permits has been extended for another year, so the next Progress Reports will not be due until 2021. After issuance, those permits will be good until October 1, 2024. There was a roundtable discussion about the status of permits for each organization. Ms. Alwin explained that there may be some variability of how the permits are processed depending on options that were chosen on the application and the workflow of the permitting office.

Ms. Alwin stated the next due dates for MiWaters Progress Reports: April 2021 and April 2023, and every two years following. Municipalities then reapply for the permit in 2024. Ms. Alwin highly suggested to continuously track work related to the permits during the year in order to avoid a gap in information or having to compile this information after such a long break between progress reports. A desk audit will be completed once the progress reports are submitted; an on-site audit must be performed before a desk audit can be completed. Desk audits will be completed in the same sequence as the initial on-site audits. Ms. Alwin noted that the MiWaters progress reports are in a new format, so as the form is filled out, there may be additional questions that appear depending on the answers provided. Planner Walls agreed to share the latest Progress Reporting form with members in an email update.

Mr. Scheuerman brought in examples of his implementation plan for tracking information for the permits. He maintains a checklist for each location that requires a permit and it is updated as activities are completed throughout the year. Mr. Scheuerman explained that this simplified checklist allows for him to visit and complete multiple sites in one day. He provided this implementation plan as a possible template that others could follow.

Mr. Hanses asked how he can handle his organization's catch basin liquid and solids. There was discussion about the solids that Granger will accept, and liquid needs to go to a wastewater treatment plant. Ms. Alwin noted that the concern is about the presence of metals in the waste; liquids and solids combined from a catch basin are considered liquid industrial waste. If a vacuum (vacuum) truck is used for removal of discharge, any of its contents are considered liquid industrial waste. Mr. Scheuerman had concerns that this definition of liquid industrial waste coming from a catch basin could trigger an IPPE. Ms. Alwin stated that this would not trigger an IPPE; she suggested that relationships should be formed between municipalities in order to properly dispose of the catch basin waste. Ms. Alwin also noted that the term liquid industrial waste is technically defined as liquid industrial byproduct.

8. Committee Reports

a. PEP

Ruth Kline-Robach gave the floor to Planner Walls, who presented some of the new promotional videos. The versions he shared are not the professionally created ones, but those will be completed soon. These promotional videos would be used primarily for social media. There was discussion about the length of the videos and their ability to catch a person's attention. Planner Walls also presented the new sections on the mywatersheds.org website, including the pet waste management, household hazardous waste, and green infrastructure bicycle tour.

Planner Walls noted that he is continuing to work with the Humane Society adoption program to include the pet waste management brochures in all the new adoption packets.

Planner Walls explained that the City of Mason has discovered that a quarter of their wastewater budget was being used to treat improperly connected sump pumps. Mr. Walls created a brochure to educate the public about the issue.

There was also a brochure created for the seasonal draining of swimming pools; different municipalities may have different ordinances but are free to use the brochure if they see fit.

Planner Walls and the TCRPC Marketing Director are updating the PEP articles, especially some of the imagery.

Planner Walls informed the committee that Ruth Kline-Robach will be a presenter at the upcoming WEFTEC (Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference); she will discuss the various outreach strategies that GLRC is currently utilizing. Planner Walls will soon be a guest lecture at Olivet College for an environmental science class; they've asked him to discuss stormwater management and bring the watershed model.

Planner Walls also presented the water trail signs that were recently installed in local municipalities in collaboration with MGROW.

b. IDEP

There was discussion about where the training videos were located; Waverly schools had borrowed them, but they were recently returned. No committee sponsored trainings are needed this year, so the IDEP committee hasn't needed to meet.

c. TMDL

Mr. Malvetis stated that they will most likely host a meeting once people start to get permits or pre-public notice drafts.

d. Post Construction

Planner Walls explained there was a meeting in late June to determine concerns; it was decided that they may need to meet with a consultant or agree upon a regional standard. Planner Walls mentioned that Ch/Deibel was talking with Spicer Group about potentially helping the committee on this topic. Ms. Alwin suggested having someone familiar with the iTree application that helps determine what trees are helpful to plant for stormwater management.

9. Staff Report

Planner Walls had information from the Ingham Conservation District regarding rain garden volunteers. Ms. Michelle Beloskur has been reaching out for information on different rain garden locations; she has volunteers available to help maintain gardens if there is a need.

The Clinton Conservation District applied for waterhead planning funding for Stony Creek and made it to the next round; Planner Walls reported that if they are successfully funded, he will be assisting on the planning team.

Planner Walls stated that there will be a Microplastics Focus Group meeting on September 16 as part of the Wayne State microplastics study which is focusing on the City of Williamston's water treatment plant. This meeting is for people to learn more about what microplastics are and the main sources for the pollutant. Ms. Kline-Robach clarified that it is more of a focus group for stakeholders and other community leaders.

Planner Walls also updated everyone on the status of the 360 Trail Mapping project.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Adjourn

Mr. Ishraidi moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Kline-Robach seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Members Present:

Phil Hanes- Clinton County Drain Commission
Ruth Kline-Robach- MSU
Alec Malvetis- City of Lansing
Allen Bryant- Delhi Township
Younes Ishraidi- Meridian Township
Sandra Diorka -- Delhi Township
Kattie White – Lansing School District
Brad Beck – Lansing Township
Christe Alwin – EGLE
Dan Armentrout – Clinton County Drain Commission
Angie Cosman - Ingham County Drain Commission
Nicole McPherson – City of East Lansing
Nicole Baumer – TCRPC
Bob Scheuerman- East Lansing