

MISSION

To restore, protect, and enhance the Rouge River watershed through stewardship, education, and collaboration.

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Treasurer, Carol Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

- **ROLL CALL**

- a. **Directors Present:**

Jessica Eiland Anders (JEA), Carol Snodgrass (CS), Myra Tetteh (MT), Gerry VanAcker (GVA), Brandy Siedlaczek, Jeremiah Steen (JS), Samraa Luqman (SL), Mike McNulty (MM), Erma Leaphart (EL) (9 total)

- b. **Directors Not Present:**

Madeline Maher, Paul Draus, Dave Norwood, Alicia Bradford, Sue Thompson (5 total)

- c. **Staff Members Present:**

Marie McCormick (MC), Cyndi Ross (CR), Karen Hanna (KH), Cara Beld (CB), Sam Davis (5 total)

- **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- a. Agenda was moved and approved. Erma moved and Mike seconded.

- **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

- a. Minutes were moved and approved. Samra'a moved and Erma seconded.

- **STAFF PRESENTATION –**

- Given by Sam Davis on Fall Bug Hunt.

- **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. **Executive Committee** MMC Reported

- i. We are trying to streamline the board materials and reports with a consistent template.
 - ii. Thanks to KH and JEA for helping with this change. Send any feedback on the process to MMC directly.

- b. **Finance Committee:** CS Reported

- i. Financial reports were moved and approved. Samra'a moved and Jessica seconded.

- c. **Membership Committee:** GV reported

- i. New upcoming Stonefly Society event and Nicole starting.

- d. **Fund Development Committee:** MMC reported

- i. Thank you to board members who attended the Rouge Cruise.

- e. **Board Development Committee** DN reported

- i. 5 board members terms ending, as of now all set to run again.

- f. **Advocacy Committee:** MMC reported
 - i. Sign on letters in packet
 - g. **Restoration Committee:**
 - i. no updates
 - h. **Monitoring Committee** MMC reported
 - i. Recent meeting on Johnson Creek sub watershed management plan.
 - ii. Sam gave an update on interest in chloride monitoring and high nitrate levels.
 - i. **Education Committee**
 - i. Updates in board packet
 - j. **Water Trail Leadership Committee**
 - i. Updates in board packet
- **Strategic Plan Discussion**
 - a. No updates.
- **Intercultural Development Inventory**
 - a. No updates.
- **Staff Program Reports**
 - a. **Executive Directors Report:** MMC reported
 - i. Year end reviews coming up.
 - ii. Signed new 5 year lease with PARC.
 - iii. Close to 80% complete on the new website.
 - iv. Marie sending meeting info for anti ableism training.
 - v. Strategic planning process to kick off in January.
 - b. **Fund Development:**
 - i. See board materials
 - c. **Grants and Funding**
 - i. See board materials.
 - d. **Education Programs**
 - i. See board materials.
 - e. **Restoration Programs:**
 - i. See board materials.
 - f. **Monitoring Programs**
 - i. See board materials
 - g. **Trails Programs:** MMC reported
 - i. City of Dearborn pulling back from giving funding for new launch
 - h. **PR/Marketing/Media:** MMC Reported
 - i. See board materials.
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. None to report.
- **REMINDERS**

- a. Upcoming Board Meetings:
 - i. November 8, 2023, 5-6:30pm (In Person [optional] at PARC in Plymouth)
- Designated EC group member as IDP key leader for groups.
 - **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm. Jessica motioned and Mike seconded –Adjourned.