

MISSION

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

President, Jessica Eiland-Anders called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

2. ROLL CALL

a. Directors Present:

Jessica Eiland Anders (JEA), Brandy Siedlaczek (BS), Carol Snodgrass (CS), Samr'ra Luqmann (SL), Paul Draus (PD), Myra Tetteh (MT), Mike McNulty (MMN), Susan Thompson (ST) (8 total)

b. Directors Not Present:

Nick Leonard, Madeline Maher, Dave Norwood, Alice Bailey (AB), Erma Leaphart (EL), Jeremiah Steen (JS), Gerry VanAcker (GVA) (7 total)

c. Staff Members Present:

Marie McCormick (MMC), Lara Edwards (LE), Herman Jenkins (HJ), Karen Hanna (KH), Cara Beld (CB)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- a. Addition to 6 E, Marie added covering the approval of board elections.
- b. Agenda was moved and approved.

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

- a. Corrections: Remove Alicia Bradford who is no longer a Board Member and add Nick Leonard and Alice Bailey under Directors not present.
- b. Minutes were moved and approved.

5. STAFF PRESENTATION – Herman Jenkins, Trails Manager “Trails Program & Dry Dock Pop-up”

6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Executive Committee: JEA reported

- i. Met last week (Nov 1) and discussed brand guidelines and DEIJ.

b. Finance Committee: CS Reported

- i. CS presented the August and September Treasurer's Reports and board financial reports.
- ii. Financial reports were moved and approved.

c. Membership Committee: LE reported

- i. LE reported on the Stonefly Society Event.

d. Fund Development Committee: JEA reported

- i. JEA reported on Giving Tuesday and year end giving, goal 100% board participation/match.

e. Board Development Committee: MM and MMC reported

- i. Proxy ballot being mailed out on Nov. 13.

- ii. Moved and approved.
 - f. **Advocacy Committee:** MMC reported
 - i. Signed on to letter from Concerned Residents of South Dearborn
 - ii. Looking at land conservation opportunities with Six Rivers Land Conservancy
 - g. **Restoration Committee:**
 - i. No updates
 - h. **Monitoring Committee**
 - i. No updates
 - i. **Education Committee**
 - i. No updates
 - j. **Water Trail Leadership Committee**
 - i. No updates
- 7. **Strategic Plan Discussion**
 - a. There is an RFP going out to have a third party for the next 5 years.
 - b. MMC asked if there were people that wanted to help, if so, reach out to her.
- 8. **Intercultural Development Inventory**
 - a. Jessica covered more specific details of DEIJ engagement/board commitments
- 9. **Staff Program Reports**
 - a. **Executive Directors Report:** MMC reported
 - i. MMC covered brand guidelines update
 - ii. MOU with City of Dearborn for rain gardens
 - iii. Hamtamck was awarded \$190,000 going to FOTR forest service grant (Marie)
 - b. **Fund Development:** LE reported
 - i. Asked Board to give match by Sunday 11/12
 - 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:**
 - i. See board materials.
 - h. **PR/Marketing/Media**
 - i. See board materials

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. REMINDERS

- a. Upcoming Board Meetings:

i. December 13, 2023, 5-6:30pm (Virtual)

12. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.