



James W. Ridgway, P.E.
Executive Director

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 - Canton Twp.
 - Commerce Twp.
 - Dearborn
 - Dearborn Heights
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 - Henry Ford Community College
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 - Melvindale
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 - Oakland County
 - Orchard Lake
 - Plymouth
 - Plymouth Twp.
 - Redford Twp.
 - Rochester Hills
 - Romulus
 - Southfield
 - Troy
 - University of Michigan-Dearborn
 - Van Buren Twp.
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 - Washtenaw County
 - Wayne
 - Wayne County
 - Wayne County Airport Authority
 - Westland
 - Wixom
- Cooperating Partners:
- Cranbrook Institute of Science
 - Friends of the Rouge
 - Rouge River Advisory Council
 - Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority
 - The Henry Ford
 - Wayne State University

DRAFT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

May 15, 2014, 1:30 p.m., Southfield Parks & Recreation

1. Welcome – Brandy Siedlaczek, Chair

2. Roll Call of Members

ECT took roll call of members and others in attendance. A quorum was present.

<i>ARC Executive Committee</i>			<i>Attended Meeting</i>
Officers			
Chair	Brandy Siedlaczek	Southfield	Y
Vice-Chair (and Past Chair)	Gary Mekjian	Farmington Hills	Y
Treasurer	Bob Belair	Canton	N
Counties			
Oakland Co. – Rep.	Jim Nash	OCWRC	N
Oakland Co. – Alt.	Jim Wineka, Jacy Garrison	OCWRC	Y
Washtenaw Co.- Rep.	Evan Pratt	WCWRC	N
Washtenaw Co.- Alt.	Heather Rice	WCWRC	Y
Wayne Co. - Rep.	Kelly Cave	WCDPS	Y
Wayne Co. - Alt.	Noel Mullett/Razik Alsaigh	WCDPS	N
SWAGs			
Main 1 & 2 - Rep.	Wayne Domine	Bloomfield Township	N
Main 1 & 2 - Alt.	Charles Markus	Bloomfield Township	Y
Main 3 & 4 - Rep.	VACANT		
Main 3 & 4 - Alt.	VACANT		
Upper - Rep.	Karen Mondora	Farmington Hills	Y
Upper - Alt.	Don Rohraff	Livonia	N
Middle 1 - Rep.	Tom Casari/Jill Rickard	Northville Township	Y
Middle 1 - Alt.	Adam Wayne	Novi	Y
Middle 3 - Rep.	Kevin Roney	Garden City	N
Middle 3 - Alt.	VACANT		
Lower 1 - Rep.	Tim Faas	Canton Township	N
Lower 1 - Alt.	VACANT		
Lower 2 - Rep.	Ramzi El-Gharib/Mike Buiten	Wayne	N
Lower 2 - Alt.	Roberto Scappaticci	Romulus	N

Others Present: Jim Ridgway, Annette DeMaria, John O’Meara, and Chris O’Meara, ECT Staff

3. Additions or Changes to Draft Agenda

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

4. Summary of March 5, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

The motion was made by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, to accept the March 5, 2014 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Karen Rickard, Northville Township. Motion passed.

5. Executive Director Report

a. Grant Projects Status

NOAA Habitat Restoration Grant – Oxbow Phase III Design

The project team met with the MDEQ/MDNR/USACE to discuss the project and permitting needs. Additionally the project team had a meeting with the USACE separately to discuss Section 408 authorization. Though the project is upstream of the Corps normal jurisdiction, since this project will effect a Corps flood control project Section 408 authorization is needed. The QAPP submitted to NOAA for approval has been reviewed and approved. Geotechnical field investigation and topo surveying have been recently completed.

Emerald Ash Borer U.S. Forestry/GLRI 2011

The nursery finalized delivery of the remaining trees from the “Fall plantings”. ARC Staff have been coordinating with communities on field verification and reporting.

Erb Foundation Capacity Building for the Alliance of Rouge Communities

The Erb Foundation requested that the ARC refund the remainder of the grant funds (\$88,748) since the matching funding for the Lower Rouge Main Stem proposal could not be secured. ARC Staff have begun the process of refunding the remaining funds.

2013 Area of Concern/Public Advisory Committee Grant

ARC staff is working with RRAC, MDEQ, MDNR and EPA to development a “short-list” of projects needed to remove the Habitat Beneficial Use Impairment. This includes mapping of problem areas and project sites, as well as discussions with communities on potential project sites.

HOW Federal Grant Writing (Freshwater Futures)

Two grant applications were submitted at the end of February 2014 to NOAA GRLI Habitat Restoration and a third will be written this fall. This is anticipated to be the Oxbow implementation Grant.

OUTSTANDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

SAW Grant: Monitoring and Stormwater Management Planning

The ARC is on track to receive SAW funding sometime in 2015. The grant totaled \$1,741,667 plus \$358,333 in match. About 27% of the match has already been earned or is in the 2014 budget. The grant covers collaborative plan development and ecosystem monitoring to support to reapplication of the MS4 permits. More specifically, the grant covers:

- Development of a collaborative Public participation plan,
- Development of a collaborative Public education plan,
- Development and implementation of a public attitudes survey,
- Development of a collaborative illicit discharge elimination plan,
- Community specific ordinance review for compliance with the IDEP Ordinance requirements,
- Development of a collaborative total maximum daily load plan,
- Ecosystem monitoring including water quality (dissolved oxygen, E. coli, phosphorus and sediment), macroinvertebrates, and flow,

- Site-specific standard operating procedures (SOPs) development for municipal facilities that impact stormwater quality, and
- Development of a stormwater funding framework in collaboration with the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds.

NOAA GLRI habitat Restoration: Henry Ford Estate Dam Fish Passage (Design)

The ARC has applied for \$259,596 in federal funding to provide final design for a fish passage at the Henry Ford Estate Dam. Restoring fish passage at the HFE Dam would provide access to 18 to 36 river miles of the Main, Middle, and Upper Rouge Rivers depending on branch. The design will build upon the previous work done by the USACOE. – Anticipated NOAA notification June 2014.

NOAA GLRI habitat Restoration: Fish Barrier and Habitat Fragmentation (Study/Design)

The ARC has applied for \$145,664 in federal funding from NOAA to examine and prioritize fish barriers and habitat fragmentation in the Rouge River. The MDNR 1998 Fisheries Assessment states there are 62 dams on the Rouge River. Many of these dams and other barriers serve to fragment the system and block movement of aquatic organisms. This project would prioritize fish passage barriers and prepare conceptual design for one or two priority projects. – Anticipated NOAA notification June 2014.

DNR Aquatic Ecosystem Grant Program: Fish Hatchery Park Restoration (Design and Implementation)

The ARC applied for state funding to improve habitat along Johnson Creek within Fish Hatchery Park. The project included the installation of stormwater BMPs at the parking lot, naturalization of the shoreline between the pond and creek, and fish passage between the pond and creek. The grant was not awarded by MDNR.

Kelly Cave, Wayne County, asked the ARC staff if they are aware of any other grant opportunities that the ARC would be interested in. Annette DeMaria responded that the 319 grant is a small possibility as that funding is very competitive. She stated that the current GLC grant will be ending and we anticipate preparing a grant application to continue those efforts with RRAC facilitation. GLC will also be making available a new grant for non-point source projects. ARC staff are looking at foundations and possible NPS funding opportunities. ARC Staff plan to apply for the same HOW funding that supported the writing of grants and we will be applying for one more NOAA grant later this year to support the Oxbow Phase III construction. The last round of GLRI funding was for toxics.

b. Permit Update

Jim Ridgway, Executive Director, said there is nothing new happening at this point with the permit. He did say that he would renew the contact with MDEQ to reschedule the meeting regarding a watershed-wide permit for the ARC.

Heather Rice noted that the first round of communities (end of 2012) still don't have a draft permit.

c. 2010 Census and 2015 ARC Dues

Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff, informed the Committee that the 2010 Census has been finalized and ARC staff have drafted an update to the 2015 dues calculations based on the population changes. Changes to the ARC dues will not take effect until the 2015 budget year. There was discussion on a how the watershed population values were calculated for those communities in multiple watersheds (each community's watershed population was determined simply by area-weighting their total population). It was noted that there could be more population growth in the areas outside of the watershed. Although this may be true, it was decided that the cost to figure this out this level of detail (at the census block level) would be more than what the overall change to the

dues would be. The dues calculation for 2015 is for discussion purposes only and if it was decided to use these numbers for the 2015 dues it would need to be voted on at the November meeting along with the budget for 2015.

d. Refund of Erb Foundation Grant

Jim Ridgway, Executive Director, reported that the Erb Foundation requested that the ARC return the unused portion of the Legacy Grant in the amount of \$88,748 as they denied the ARC's request to rescope the grant. The Executive Committee gave their support of the request and the ARC staff will begin the process of refunding the remaining grant funds.

e. Future of the watershed

Jim Ridgway, Executive Director, reported that the ARC Staff met with the officers to discuss the future of the ARC along with the future of Friends of the Rouge and the Rouge River Advisory Council and the possibility of the three merging into a new organization. He asked for the support of the Executive Committee to continue conversations with the 3 organizations to move forward to integrate the three organizations. Jim Ridgway stated that he has had conversations with the representatives of FOTR and RRAC and they are open to discussions. The members of the Executive Committee supported the continued conversations with the organizations.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee (B. Belair, Treasurer)

2014 Dues

Chris O'Meara, ARC Staff, reported for ARC Treasurer, Bob Belair, reported that the first round of invoices were sent out in February and we have started receiving dues from members.

A/R and A/P Reports

Chris O'Meara, ARC Staff, reviewed the accounts receivable and accounts payables reports.

2014 Budget Amendment

HOW1 Federal Grant Preparation

Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff, informed the Committee that the budget amendment for the HOW1 Federal Grant Preparation that was approved to go to the Full ARC at the March 5, 2014 Executive Committee meeting. It was tabled because there was not a quorum at the March 13, 2014 Full ARC meeting and will be going to the Full ARC on May 19, 2014.

2011 ECT Contract Amendment

Extension and Reappropriation of USFS Emerald Ash

Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff, reviewed the contract amendment to the scope of services for the Executive Director Services with ECT extending the contract date and increasing the original contract amount by \$30,660 for project oversight/planning, installation coordination, community location coordination and reporting, field verification and grant reporting as described in Appendix I to the 2011 ECT Contract. This was also approved to go to the Full ARC at the March 5, 2014 Executive Committee meeting and was tabled because there was not a quorum at the March 13, 2014 Full ARC Meeting. It will also be going to the Full ARC on May 19, 2014.

2013 ECT Contract Amendment

Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff, reviewed the contract amendment adding Appendix D which increases the original contract amount by \$15,000 to prepare three grant applications under the HOW Grant. This was also approved to go to the Full ARC at the March 5, 2014 Executive Committee meeting and was tabled because there was not a quorum at the March 13, 2014 Full ARC Meeting. It will also be going to the Full ARC on May 19, 2014.

No motions were needed as all items were previously approved.

b. Organization Committee

Kelly Cave, Wayne County, reported that the Organization Committee has not met in 2014. After the last Full ARC meeting that did not have a quorum she asked the ARC staff to draft a revision to the ARC Bylaws to include a Quorum and Manner of Acting section which was handed out to the Executive Committee. She requested that this be brought to the Full ARC at the May 19, 2014 meeting. The Executive Committee supported the request.

c. PIE (Public Involvement and Education) Committee

Charles Marcus, Bloomfield Twp., reported that the PIE committee had one meeting and that four workshops have taken place. The PIE committee will be working on the Collaborative PEP in the next couple of months and will be requesting feedback from ARC members.

Kelly Cave, Wayne County, let the committee know that if they would like seedlings that they should contact Noel Mullett at Wayne County as there is a limited supply.

d. Technical Committee

Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, reported that the Technical Committee reviewed the 2014 County IDEP work plans. They are reviewing the Collaborative IDEP Plan. The MDEQ was asked to review the plan as well. MDEQ's MS4 staff reviewed it and pointed out some deficiencies including more detail needed in certain aspects and more focus on priority areas. Karen Mondora reported that some revisions are being incorporated into Wayne County's approach in IDEP areas. She also reported that the Technical Committee is looking at some of the differences between Oakland and Wayne County's approach to IDEP activities.

There was some discussion about showing the success stories from the ARC's IDEP investigations over the years. Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff, was asked by the Executive Committee to put a slide show together for the Full ARC meeting.

7. Report from WCDPS

Kelly Cave, Wayne County, reiterated that the Rouge grant is ending on May 31, 2014 and asked that communities finalize any projects and attempt to use all Rouge grant money available.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Summary of Executive Committee Actions

- The motion was approved to accept the March 5, 2014 meeting summary.
- ARC Staff was asked to include the revision to the ARC Bylaws incorporating Quorum and Manner of Acting on the May 19, 2014 Full ARC agenda.

10. Upcoming Meeting(s)

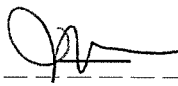



- Full ARC Meeting, May 19, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Wixom Community Center

11. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, and seconded by Adam Wayne, Novi. The motion passed.

ARC Executive Committee Attendance List

Meeting Date: 5/15/14

Name	Community	Attended	Initials
Alsaigh	Razik	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Belair	Bob	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Buiten	Mike	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Casari	Tom	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cave	Kelly	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
DeMaria	Annette	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Domine	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
El-Gharib	Ramzi	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Fellrath	Patrick	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Garrison	Jacy	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Markus	Charles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mekjian	Gary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mondora	Karen	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Mullett	Noel	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Nash	Jim	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Pratt	Evan	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Price	Meghan	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Meeting Date: 5/15/14

<i>Name</i>		<i>Community</i>	<i>Attended</i>	<i>Initials</i>
Rice	Heather	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>HR</u>
Ridgway	Jim	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Rohraff	Don	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Roney	Kevin	Garden City	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Scappaticci	Roberto	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Siedlaczek	Brandy	Southfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>BS</u>
Smrtka	Barb	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Wayne	Adam	Novi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>AW</u>
Wineka	Jim	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
<u>O'Meara</u>	<u>John</u>	<u>ECT</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>JO</u>
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