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Redford Twp.
Rochester Hills
Romulus
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Michigan-Dearborn
Van Buren Twp.
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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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

June 22, 2016, 1:30 p.m.

Southfield Parks & Recreation, Room 223/224

1. **Welcome** – Brandy Siedlaczek, Chair

2. **Roll Call of Members**

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

ARC Executive Committee			Attended Meeting
Officers			
Chair	Brandy Siedlaczek	Southfield	Y
Vice-Chair	Jill Rickard	Northville Twp.	Y
Treasurer	Bob Belair	Canton	Y
Past Chair	Gary Mekjian	Farmington Hills	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	N
Wayne Co. - Alt.	Noel Mullett/Razik Alsaigh	WCDPS	Y
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	N
Upper - Alt.	Doug Moore	Livonia	Y
Middle 1 - Rep.	Tom Casari	Northville Township	N
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	Y - MB
Lower 2 - Alt.	Roberto Scappaticci	Romulus	N

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

3. Additions or Changes to Draft Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

4. Summary of March 8, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting

The motion was made by Mike Buiten, Wayne, to accept the March 8, 2016 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Heather Rice, Washtenaw County. Motion passed.

5. Executive Director Report

a. Grant Status Report

John O’Meara, ARC Staff, gave the grant project status report.

ONGOING GRANTS:

2015 Rouge River Public Advisory Council (RRAC) Support

Project Complete. ARC Staff will distribute the project list, which was one of the deliverables for this project, at the Full ARC meeting.

FOTR-ARC Merger Investigation

The ARC awaits FOTR’s initiation of the transitioning process. This may be delayed by the absence of an Executive Director at FOTR.

Collaborative Invasive Species Control in Rouge and Detroit River AOC

The ARC has been attending the work group meetings and working on handouts for some of the trainings. The project is being led by Wayne County DPS. N. Mullett reported that Wayne County continues to obtain right of entry agreements with project partners and establish the contract for phragmites control. There are around 41 phragmites sites targeted with most in the Rouge watershed and some downriver. Newburgh and Wilcox Lakes may receive a second treatment for aquatic invasive plants (primarily Curly leaf pondweed) in late August or September. Wayne County continues to coordinate with FOTR and Friends of the Detroit River with a July work day planned for invasive removal.

US Forestry Service 2014 Tree Grant

Communities are providing their project summaries by June 2016. The ARC will finalize the grant reporting this summer for grant closure in August 2016.

SAW Grant: Monitoring and Stormwater Management Planning

All applications were completed, along with Collaborative Plans for IDEP, PPP, PEP and the TMDL requirements. ARC is beginning to plan of the monitoring work to be conducted under the grant. Communities include:

Beverly Hills	Garden City	Plymouth Township
Bingham Farms	Inkster	Redford Township
Birmingham	Lathrup Village	Southfield
Bloomfield Hills	Livonia	Troy
Bloomfield Township	Melvindale	Walled Lake
Canton Township	Northville	Wayne
Dearborn Heights	Northville Township	Westland
Farmington	Novi	Wayne County
Farmington Hills	Oak Park	Henry Ford Community
Franklin	Plymouth	College

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

50% design plans are being completed. Plans will be shared with project partners at a mid-July meeting. T&E, wetland, soil characterization and other field investigations have been completed this spring for permit and design considerations.

PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS:

2016 Rouge River Public Advisory Council (RRAC) Support

The grant would fund activities to continue general business activities of the RRAC, finalize the list of habitat project descriptions, and conduct fish sampling in the Rouge River Area of Concern (AOC). The grant request is \$30,000 with work ending in June 2017. The ARC has been notified by the State that it did receive the award. MDEQ is sending contract for the ARC to sign.

NOAA Regional Partnership

The ARC joined a partnership with Friends of Detroit River (FDR) and the Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) to submit a NOAA Regional partnership grant in February 2016. FDR is listed as the fiduciary with the ARC as the supporting member for the Rouge AOC activities. The grant is for conducting listed habitat projects within the two AOCs. NOAA has asked for some updates to the application be made by the end of June 2016 with the anticipation of announcing award of the partnership to FDR in July. Initial work on potential Rouge projects would possibly begin in 2017.

USFS Green Infrastructure Implementation

The ARC has applied for a grant from the Forest Service to conduct maintenance and enhancement for green infrastructure sites within member communities. The grant will be for \$150,000. Current ARC communities interested in participating include Livonia, Canton Twp., Village of Franklin, Farmington Hills, Walled Lake, Southfield and Wayne County.

Rouge River AOC Wayne County Habitat Restoration

EPA is going to “direct fund” the following three Rouge River AOC projects in one grant to Wayne County, with the ARC as a partner in the grant. The potential grant award could be \$6.5 million. Contracting details are currently being negotiated with the EPA with anticipated funding arriving later fall 2016. The grant is anticipated to be completed in late 2019.

- Henry Ford Estate Fishway (Construction) - This grant activity will construct the fishway that is currently be completed by the ARC under the NOAA grant. This activity will reconnect approximately 50 miles of the main river and 108 tributary miles to the Great Lakes. This project supports the removal of the Habitat Beneficial Use Impairments for the Rouge River.
- Oxbow Phase III (Construction) -This grant activity will construct the previous ARC designed Oxbow Phase 3 Restoration that was completed under a grant from NOAA. This will involve removal of a portion of the concrete channel, restoration with native vegetation and habitat structures and construction of a bridge. This project supports the removal of the Habitat Beneficial Use Impairments for the Rouge River.
- Nankin Lake Restoration (Design/Construction)- Nankin Lake Restoration will restore the ecosystem services the lake provides; valuable spawning, nursery, and forage habitat for fishes and other aquatic species of all life stages.

GRANTS NOT AWARDED:

None.

b. Status of ARC/FOTR Reorganization Investigation

There have been no additional meetings at this point with the Executive Director position still open at FOTR. The ARC representatives will meet later this fall to discuss steps forward.

c. MS4 Permit Application Preparations and Collaborative Plans

Annette DeMaria reported that she had some general conversations with MDEQ regarding the collaborative IDEP plan. MDEQ is preparing their comments but no date has been given of when the ARC staff will receive them.

There was some discussion regarding Johnson Creek and Annette DeMaria said there may be an option to include monitoring under the SAW grant.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee (B. Belair, Treasurer)

2016 Membership Dues

Chris O’Meara stated that the second and final round of 2016 invoices for ARC membership have been sent out.

2015 Audit

Chris O’Meara reported that coordination with the accountants for the 2015 audit continues.

2016 Budget Amendment

FC1-2016 SPAC8 RRAC Facilitation

The ARC has received a grant from the MDEQ Office of the Great Lakes, AOC Program, 2016 Public Advisory Council (PAC) to facilitate the “Rouge River AOC PAC Support – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish” project. The ARC grant agreement have been received and will be sent back to MDEQ so that activities can begin. The total budget is \$29,945 and broken down as \$16,373 – ARC staff, \$10,002 – FOTR and \$3,570 – Wayne County. This amendment adds the SPAC8 grant budget line to the 2016 ARC Budget with funding estimated for 2016 activities in the amount of \$14,970. No match is required. The remainder of the grant funds (\$14,975) will be booked in the 2017 budget. The motion was made by Jill Rickard, Northville Twp., to forward to the Full ARC FC1 adding the SPAC8 RRAC Facilitation to the 2016 budget. The motion was seconded by Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp., and passed unanimously.

2013 ECT Contract Amendment

Appendix L – SPAC8 RRAC Facilitation

John O’Meara reviewed this contract amendment which adds \$16,373 for the SPAC grant that the ARC received for the Rouge River AOC PAC Support – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish project. The motion was made by Jill Rickard, Northville Twp., to forward to the Full ARC the amendment adding Appendix L to the 2013 ECT Contract. The motion was seconded by Charles Markus, Bloomfield Twp., and passed unanimously.

b. Organization Committee

The Organization Committee had nothing to report at this time.

c. PIE (Public Involvement and Education) Committee

Charles Markus reported that the PIE continues to work on the seasonal poster with the spring and summer poster being distributed now. Workshops are being planned on topics to include turf maintenance and septic system maintenance. The PIE committee has tree seedlings and native plants available for member communities to use at public events. Requests can go to ARC staff 3 weeks prior to the event.

d. Technical Committee

Annette DeMaria reported that FOTR continues the macroinvertebrate monitoring. IDEP investigations are starting with Wayne County doing work in Plymouth. The IAA with Oakland County is being drafted.

e. Nominations Committee

If anyone is interested in serving as the Chair, Vice Chair or Treasurer please let any officer or ARC staff know. The officer position is a 2-year term.

7. Report from Counties

Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, reported that they continue to update their stormwater standards. They also anticipate having stakeholder workshops with communities and developers. Oakland County and DEQ are preparing the Pebble Creek Watershed Plan using 319 money. Jacy reported that Oakland County will be hosting the IDEP training this year and is planning it for mid-October. Jacy stated the Oakland County continues to work with MDEQ on their stormwater permit.

Heather Rice reported that Washtenaw County has not received their draft storm water permit yet. They have issued rules of the Water Resource Commissioners office with a new version in October.

Noel Mullett reported that Wayne County continues to modifying their stormwater program. The permit workshop was well attended with over 100 participants. The County expects to have another workshop. Noel reported that a bug hunt was done at Wayne Rd. Dam and received the best score ever. Noel reported that the County received an insecticide monitoring grant from CMI to see if how much of an impact insecticides have on the river. Sampling will begin next month with dry and wet weather and sediment events.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Summary of Executive Committee Actions

- The motion was approved to accept the March 8, 2016 meeting summary.
- The motion was approved to forward to the Full ARC FC1 adding the SPAC8 RRAC Facilitation to the 2016 budget.
- The motion was approved to forward to the Full ARC the amendment adding Appendix L to the 2013 ECT Contract.
- The Nominations Committee asked for names of members that have interest in serving as Chair, Vice-Chair or Treasurer.

10. Upcoming Meeting(s)

- Full ARC Meeting, July 13, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., at Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills

11. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Buiten, Wayne, and seconded by Jill Rickard, Northville Twp. The motion passed.

ARC Executive Committee Attendance List

Meeting Date: June 22, 2016

Name		Community	Attended	Initials
Alsaigh	Razik	WCDPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Belair	Bob	Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>FAB</u>
Buiten	Mike	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Casari	Tom <u>Jill</u>	Northville Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>[Signature]</u>
Cave	Kelly	WCDPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
DeMaria	Annette	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>cel</u>
Domine	Wayne	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
El-Gharib	Ramzi	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Fellrath	Patrick	Plymouth Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Garrison	Jacy	Oakland County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>jo</u>
Markus	Charles	Bloomfield Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>CYM</u>
Mekjian	Gary	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Mondora	Karen	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Moore	Doug	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>DM</u>
Mullett	Noel	WCDPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>NM</u>
Nash	Jim	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
O'Meara	John	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>cel</u>

Meeting Date: _____

<i>Name</i>		<i>Community</i>	<i>Attended</i>	<i>Initials</i>
Pratt	Evan	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Price	Meghan	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Rice	Heather	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Rickard	Jill	Northville Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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"/>	
Smrtka	Barb	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Wayne	Adam	Novi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Wilson	Tom	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Wineka	Jim	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
<u>Troy Muccio</u>		<u>GARDEN CITY</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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