

RCP Board Meeting May 24, 2017
6:30 pm, Voinovich School, Bldg. 22

In Attendance: Jessica Makosky, Bob Eichenberg, Vance Rannels, Amy Mackey, Sarah Cornwell, Kara Roberts, Chelsi Hempstead, and Heike Perko. Heike, in Molly's absence, determined that we have a quorum.

Minutes from meeting of 3/29/2017 and 4/27/2017

Treasurer's Report –Chelsi

- RCWTA \$2,272.90
- Waterloo \$2,353.01
- DOW \$.02
- Checking \$1,841.63 (reflects recent purchase of augmented reality sandbox)
- Savings \$95.58
- AEP bill was \$22.51

We will get OSM grant money in June in an amount of approximately \$10,000. Amy is taking money for sandbox lumber out of the Waterloo account until the grant funding comes in. The lumber purchase will be less than \$1,000.

Director's Report – Amy

--MSES student Brooke Stokes is inventorying lowhead dams. She sent a survey to eight landowners with dams and received five back which is a good return percentage. Several said they are not interested but several are interested. She met with the Wellston City Engineer about the dam the City owns on the Little Raccoon. She also went to Cora Mill and Woods Mill and found the dams were already removed. Brooke is writing a "9-element" plan for EPA funding.

--Daniels Run Reclamation Project contract went to Alan Johnson at \$271,207 and the Flint Run maintenance and doser maintenance contract went for \$459,000. We are still waiting to hear about funding for the Ilesboro Reclamation Project. The earthwork portion of Ilesboro can start in the autumn if funding is approved and this appears likely.

--Our Americorps for 2017-2018 is Emily Kyle-Loudner. She has done her graduate work in Raccoon Creek. As of the meeting time there is \$1,480 raised for a second Americorps through the Go Fund website. The goal is to raise \$8,000. The Go Fund website gets a 7-8% cut. **Everyone should share the email information in order to help raise the money we need.**

--**We are looking for a Board member to replace Chelsi.**

--We have a fundraiser at Little Fish Brewery on Tuesday, May 30th. The owner will donate \$1, per beer purchased, to Raccoon Creek Partners.

--We raised \$200 from the recent Jackie O's fundraiser.

Americorps-Kara and Chad

--**July 14, 15, and 16 is the Concert for the Creeks at Eclipse.**

--US Fish and Wildlife Service will do additional Asian Carp work this year.

--Kara is low and Chad is out of mileage funding. Bob motioned and Vance seconded to put an additional \$200 in the account for mileage.

--Chad is getting augmented reality sandbox materials in time for summer camp and devoting significant time in getting ready for the camps. We will know by the end of May whether we received the Big Brothers/Big Sisters grant for the camps.

--There was a final review of activities and responsibilities for the Family Fun Day on May 27th.

Sarah and Water Quality

--ODNR committed its share of funding for Sarah and Amy for at least one more year.

--RCWTA—The skills course happened. We made \$50 at \$10 each for five participants. It was decided to value the map at \$2-\$3 since we still have so many and need to sell them. It was suggested to raffle one of our canoes, that was donated, instead of purchasing a kayak for the raffle. **Someone will check with the canoe donor to make sure this would be acceptable.**

Jess and Sarah completed a first aid course and the provider did not accept any payment from RCWTA **so a gift package will be sent instead.**

We are still working on getting several boats registered.

There is a possibility of having the canoe slalom event at Paw Paw Fest.

Sarah has a Go Fund Me idea of selling RCWTA bandanas. **She will contact someone she knows about screenprinting.**

Other Business

Jessica agreed to complete Chelsi's unfinished term as Treasurer. Heike motioned and Bob seconded. All approved.

Heike knows someone who may be interested in filling Chelsi's term on the Board.

Heike will reach out to the Midwest Biodiversity Institute's QHEI Program for (training??, funding??).

Sarah said the Paw Paw Fest has named the Raccoon as the Festival Mascot.

Our next meeting will be June 28th at 6:30pm at Waterloo.