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Executive Director

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 - Lathrup Village
 - Livonia
 - Melvindale
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 - Northville Twp.
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 - Oak Park
 - Oakland County
 - Orchard Lake
 - Plymouth
 - Plymouth Twp.
 - Redford Twp.
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 - Romulus
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 - Troy
 - University of Michigan-Dearborn
 - Van Buren Twp.
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 - Washtenaw County
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 - West Bloomfield 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

DRAFT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

March 20, 2017, 1:00 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.

<i>ARC Executive Committee</i>			<i>Attended Meeting</i>
Officers			
Chair	Brandy Siedlaczek	Southfield	Y
Vice-Chair	Doug Moore	Livonia	Y
Treasurer	Jill Rickard	Northville Twp.	N
Past Chair	Gary Mekjian	Farmington Hills	N
Counties			
Oakland Co. – Rep.	Jim Nash	OCWRC	N
Oakland Co. – Alt.	Jim Wineka, Jacy Garrison	OCWRC	Y-JG
Washtenaw Co.- Rep.	Evan Pratt	WCWRC	N
Washtenaw Co.- Alt.	Heather Rice	WCWRC	N
Wayne Co. - Rep.	Kelly Cave	WCDPS	N
Wayne Co. - Alt.	Noel Mullett	WCDPS	Y
SWAGs			
Main 1 & 2 - Rep.	Charles Markus	Bloomfield Township	Y
Main 1 & 2 - Alt.	Olivia Olsztyn-Budry	Bloomfield Township	N
Main 3 & 4 - Rep.	VACANT		
Main 3 & 4 - Alt.	VACANT		
Upper - Rep.	Karen Mondora	Farmington Hills	N
Upper - Alt.	Doug Moore/Trisha Dotson	Livonia	
Middle 1 - Rep.	Tom Casari	Northville Township	N
Middle 1 - Alt.	Aaron Staup	Novi	Y
Middle 3 - Rep.	Kevin Roney	Garden City	N
Middle 3 - Alt.	VACANT		
Lower 1 - Rep.	Tim Faas	Canton Township	Y
Lower 1 - Alt.	VACANT		
Lower 2 - Rep.	Ramzi El-Gharib/Mike Buiten	Wayne	Y-MB
Lower 2 - Alt.	Roberto Scappaticci	Romulus	N

Others Present: Annette DeMaria, John O’Meara, Meghan Price and Chris O’Meara, ECT Staff

3. Additions or Changes to Draft Agenda

There were not changes or additions to the agenda.

4. Summary of October 12, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting

The motion was made by Tim Faas, Canton, to accept the October 12, 2016 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Aaron Staup, Novi. Motion passed.

5. Executive Director Report

a. Grant Status Report

John O'Meara and Annette DeMaria, ARC Staff, gave the grant project status report.

ONGOING GRANTS:

FOTR-ARC Merger Investigation

The ARC met with the new FOTR Executive Director to bring her up to speed on the background of the merger.

Collaborative Invasive Species Control in Rouge and Detroit River AOC

The project is being led by Wayne County DPS. Grant extension was granted and IAA amendment signed.

US Forestry Service 2014 Tree Grant

Final report was submitted to USDA-FS and the report was accepted. Project completed.

SAW Grant: Monitoring and Stormwater Management Planning

Communication with MDEQ regarding applications. Revisions to the collaborative plans have been made based on MDEQ comments. Responses to the MDEQ comments have been completed and returned to MDEQ. The development of the monitoring plan has begun. Contracting with USGS for gathering of some of the data was initiated along with securing a Wayne County permit for installation of a monitoring station in Johnson Creek. 3 communities will be piloted for stormwater financing data analysis. Data collection with those communities is under way. There will be no extension allowed on the SAW grant based on feedback from other grant recipients.

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

ARC hosted a project partners meeting in December. Long-term access was designed and plans were finalized. The MDEQ permit application package was submitted and a site meeting with MDEQ was held in March 2017.

2016 Rouge River Public Advisory Council (RRAC) Support

FOTR fish study was completed. 3 habitat project descriptions have been flushed out for future funding opportunities. Held RRAC meeting in February.

NOAA Regional Partnership

This grant, administered by Friends of the Detroit River, is a partnership for conducting listed habitat projects within the Detroit and Rouge AOCs as determined by EPA and NOAA. There are no activities for the Rouge currently.

EPA Wayne County Rouge AOC Habitat Projects

Wayne County has received a grant from EPA to complete three Rouge AOC habitat list projects, for which they are the majority landowner. The IAA between Wayne County and the ARC has been drafted and is proceeding through the county process for execution. Work is anticipated to begin in April.

GRANTS SUBMITTED:

MDEQ OGL Public Advisory Support

The ARC submitted a grant application to the MDEQ Office of the Great Lakes for continued facilitation of RRAC, further development of the habitat project descriptions which will allow for future grant funding of activities and additional sampling to characterize the Rouge fish community and educate the general public about the diversity and distribution of Rouge fish. The grant is for \$29,985.

GLRI USDA Forest Service

The ARC is submitting a grant application to the USDA Forest Service for trees to “Mitigate Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Impacts – Acres treated for tree canopy restoration with non-host species in urban EAB quarantine areas to enhance and restore biodiversity and water quality”. 19 members are participating and the grant is for \$100,000.

b. 2016 ARC Executive Directors Annual Report

The 2016 ARC Executive Directors Annual Report was distributed and will be forwarded to the Full ARC.

c. APWA Awards

John O’Meara stated that the ARC will be receiving an APWA award for the work done across the watershed on the USDA Forest Service project.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee (C. O’Meara reported on behalf of J. Rickard, Treasurer)

A/R Report - 2017 Membership Dues

Chris O’Meara reported that the first round of ARC dues invoices have been mailed.

2016 Audit

Chris O’Meara reported that the ARC’s 2016 audit and taxes have begun. ARC Staff will be providing all information to the accountants for review. The accountants have recommended that the ARC go through a Yellow Book Audit. This is because in 2015 and again in this 2016 audit the ARC was not required to do an A133 audit because we did not receive over \$750,000 in federal funds. The Yellow Book Audit will look at our processes in a similar way to the A133 but is not as in-depth but shows the government that we are still operating as expected. The Executive Committee was in support of this audit.

2017 Budget Amendment

FC1-SPAC9 – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project

John O’Meara reviewed the grant application to the MDEQ Office of the Great Lakes for continued facilitation of RRAC, further development of the habitat project descriptions which will allow for future grant funding of activities and additional sampling to characterize the Rouge fish community and educate the general public about the diversity and distribution of Rouge fish. The grant is for \$29,985. It was requested that this grant be added to the 2017 budget as it is expected to be awarded before the next round of ARC meetings. The motion was made by Mike Buiten, Wayne, to forward to the Full ARC FC1 adding the SPAC9 – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project to the 2017 budget upon grant award. The motion was seconded by Noel Mullett, Wayne County, and passed unanimously.

2013 ECT Contract Amendment

Appendix O – SPAC9 – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project

John O'Meara reviewed the contract amendment which would add \$15,001 for the SPAC9 – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project upon grant award. It was requested that this contract amendment be added to the 2013 ECT contract as it is expected to be awarded before the next round of ARC meetings. The motion was made by Noel Mullett, Wayne County, to forward to the Full ARC the revision to add Appendix O of the ECT 2013 contract for the Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project upon grant award. 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 Committee will be working to fill the native plant seed requests. He reported that ARC staff will also be doing the tree seedlings in the fall.

ARC staff will be drafting a native seed information card in addition to designing the kneeling pad. ARC Staff are also going to be replenishing some of the public education materials including the pet waste containers, fertilizer clips and the FOG brochure.

Wayne County requested to re-scope their budget for the Green Schools portion of their 2017 activities which was budgeted to buy trees for Green Schools. A 2/6/17 email vote of the PIE committee supported this change in scope, there is no increase to the budget. This will bring the Stream Table to 3 ARC Green Schools instead. This is a partnership with the U of M Museum of Natural History to present the River Residency Workshop to Elementary and Middle schools. There are 3 different programs the schools can choose from: 1) Water, Weather and a River Community; 2) How Water Shapes the Land; and 3) Protecting Our Wetlands. While ½ the class is at the table the other half is learning about erosion, water tables, water treatment, etc.

d. Technical Committee

Annette DeMaria reported on behalf of Karen Mondora and stated that a Technical Committee meeting was held on March 13 and prior to the meeting several ARC members had lunch with the new FOTR Executive Director Marie McCormick. At the Technical Committee meeting, the 216 IDEP final reports from Wayne and Oakland counties were reviewed, the 2017 IDEP work plans for both counties were approved, and the draft response to MDEQ's comments on the Collaborative TMDL plan was reviewed.

7. Report from Counties

Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, reported that Phil Sanzika will be retiring from Oakland County. Jacy also brought copies of the Kids Clean Water calendar which is available to communities. Please contact Jacy if you would like copies. She also informed the committee that they will be doing a workshop for inland lake landowners in Oakland County on April 1.

N. Mullett reported that Kelly Cave will be retiring from Wayne County. He did not have an exact date as she may be continuing part time for a while.

8. Other Business

None.

9. Summary of Executive Committee Actions

- The motion was approved to accept the October 12, 2016 meeting summary.
- The motion was approved to forward to the Full ARC FC1 adding the SPAC9 – Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project to the 2017 budget upon grant award.
- The motion was approved to forward to the Full ARC the amendment adding Appendix O – SPAC9, Facilitation, Habitat & Fish Project to the 2013 ECT Contract upon grant award.

10. Upcoming Meeting(s)

- Full ARC Meeting, March 23, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., at the Romulus Athletic Center located at 35765 Northline.

11. Adjourn

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, and seconded by Doug Moore, Livonia. The motion passed.

ARC Executive Committee Attendance List

Meeting Date: 3/20/17

Name		Community	Attended	Initials
Belair	Bob	Canton Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Buiten	Mike	Wayne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>MGB</u>
Casari	Tom	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Cave	Kelly	WCDPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
DeMaria	Annette	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>AD</u>
Domine	Wayne	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Dotson	Trisha	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Faas	Tim	Canton Township	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>TF</u>
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"/>	_____
Melistas	George	Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Mondora	Karen	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Moore	Doug	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>D</u>
Mullett	Noel	WCDPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>NM</u>
Nash	Jim	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Meeting Date: 3/20/17

<i>Name</i>		<i>Community</i>	<i>Attended</i>	<i>Initials</i>
O'Meara	John	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Pasciolla	Angela	Bloomfield Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Pratt	Evan	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Price	Meghan	ECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MP
Rice	Heather	Washtenaw County Water Resour	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Rickard	Jill	Northville Township	<input 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"/>	BS
Smrtka	Barb	Farmington Hills	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Staup	Aaron	Novi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AS
Wilson	Tom	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
Wineka	Jim	Oakland County	<input type="checkbox"/>	___
<u>C. O'Meara</u>		<u>ARC Staff</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>cew</u>
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