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Executive Director

## DRAFT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, July 12, 2011, 1:30 p.m.  
Longacre House  
24705, Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills

Auburn Hills  
Beverly Hills  
Bingham Farms  
Birmingham  
Bloomfield Hills  
Bloomfield Twp.  
Canton Twp.  
Commerce Twp.  
Dearborn  
Dearborn Heights  
Farmington  
Farmington Hills  
Franklin  
Garden City  
Henry Ford Community College  
Lathrup Village  
Livonia  
Melvindale  
Northville  
Northville Twp.  
Novi  
Oak Park  
Oakland County  
Orchard Lake  
Plymouth  
Plymouth Twp.  
Pontiac  
Redford Twp.  
Rochester Hills  
Romulus  
Southfield  
Troy  
Van Buren Twp.  
Walled Lake  
Washtenaw County  
Wayne  
Wayne County  
Westland  
Wixom

Cooperating Partners:  
Cranbrook Institute of Science  
Friends of the Rouge  
Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority  
Wayne State University

**1. Welcome** – Gary Mekjian, Chair

**2. Roll Call of Members**

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

<i>ARC Executive Committee</i>			<i>Attended Meeting</i>
<b>Officers</b>			
<b>Chair</b>	Gary Mekjian	Farmington Hills	Y
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Kevin Buford	Westland	Y
<b>Treasurer</b>	Don Rohraff	Livonia	Y
<b>Past Chair</b>	Tim Faas	Canton Twp.	Y
<b>Counties</b>			
<b>Oakland Co. – Rep.</b>	John McCulloch	OCWRC	N
<b>Oakland Co. – Alt.</b>	Jim Wineka	OCWRC	Y
<b>Oakland Co. – Alt.</b>	Joseph Colaianne	OCWRC	N
<b>Washtenaw Co. - Rep.</b>	Janis Bobrin	WCWRC	N
<b>Washtenaw Co. - Alt.</b>	Meghan Bonfiglio	WCWRC	Y
<b>Wayne Co. - Rep.</b>	Kelly Cave	WCDPS	Y
<b>Wayne Co. - Alt.</b>	Noel Mullett	WCDPS	N
<b>SWAGs</b>			
<b>Main 1 &amp; 2 - Rep.</b>	Brandy Siedlaczek	Southfield	Y
<b>Main 1 &amp; 2 - Alt.</b>	VACANT	Bloomfield Township	
<b>Main 3 &amp; 4 - Rep.</b>	Jim Murray	Dearborn	N
<b>Main 3 &amp; 4 - Alt.</b>	VACANT		
<b>Upper - Rep.</b>	VACANT		
<b>Upper - Alt.</b>	Kevin Maillard	Livonia	N
<b>Middle 1 - Rep.</b>	VACANT	Northville Township	N
<b>Middle 1 - Alt.</b>	Aaron Staup	Novi	N
<b>Middle 3 - Rep.</b>	Jack Barnes	Garden City	N
<b>Middle 3 - Alt.</b>	VACANT		
<b>Lower 1 - Rep.</b>	Bob Belair	Canton Township	Y
<b>Lower 1 - Alt.</b>	VACANT		
<b>Lower 2 - Rep.</b>	Ramzi El-Gharib	Wayne	N
<b>Lower 2 - Alt.</b>	Tom Wilson	Romulus	N

**Others Present:** Jim Ridgway, Executive Director; Mike Buiten, City of Wayne; Zachare Ball, and Chris O’Meara, ECT Staff

### **3. Additions or Changes to Draft Agenda**

There were no additions or changes to the draft agenda.

### **4. Summary of March 23, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting**

The motion was made by Kevin Buford to accept the March 23, 2011, meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Brandy Siedlaczek. Motion passed.

### **5. Executive Director Report**

#### **a. ARC Membership**

Jim Ridgway informed the committee that he continues to make calls to request meetings with those communities where there is concern on their continued membership. K. Buford and G. Mekjian said that they would be available to meet with Inkster who recently withdrew their membership in the ARC.

#### **b. Grant Status Report**

J. Ridgway gave the following summary of the ongoing grants and new grant applications.

#### **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)**

##### **GLRI 1 (Transforming the Rouge)**

- The Wayne County Parks project (Lola Valley and Lower Rouge) construction has been bid out and a contractor has been selected. Work is scheduled for the fall.
- Valley Woods Wetland (Southfield): Field activities, including surveying and a wetland report, have been completed. A permit pre-application meeting with MDEQ was conducted on site on May 17, 2011. The design will include filling of drainage ditches, a prescribed burn, excavation of phragmites and planting and seeding. Herbicide applications will be in late August-early September.
- Rouge Park and Eliza Howell Park Grow Zones: We are currently negotiating with the City of Detroit concerning prescribed burns in both parks. A Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Detroit is under review. This project will begin in Spring, 2012.
- The second pre-monitoring benthics survey was held by FOTR and Wayne County on April 30.
- The second quarterly report was filed on May 5.

##### **GLRI 2 (Danvers Pond Dam Removal, Farmington Hills)**

- MDEQ conducted a public hearing about the permit application package on June 8.
- ARC staff is working with the EPA grant manager to develop a definition of native species.
- The original design documents (2008) have been updated to include recent changes and comments.
- Construction will be in 2012.

#### **Rouge Round X**

##### **RPO 1**

Rouge Green Corridor Urban Habitat Improvement

- The schedule for this project has been moved back. The riparian buffer development at sites in Beverly Hills, Southfield and Birmingham will be in May, 2012.

##### **RPO 2**

Wayne Road Dam Removal Design

- All field work has been completed. (survey, sample analysis and geomorphology)
- ARC staff conducted a permit pre-application meeting with MDEQ.
- ARC staff developed a system model and ran the design alternatives. A final design has been selected and is being completed.
- The permit application package is being drafted and will be submitted in July.

- This grant should end in August and transition into the NOAA grant for the removal of Wayne Road Dam.

**SPAC 2/Rouge AOC Beneficial Use Impairment Delisting Criteria**

This grant is completed, and the final report was accepted by the Great Lakes Commission.

**SPAC 3: Developing a Coordinated Effort to Address Rouge AOC BUIs in the Upper Subwatershed**

This grant for \$24,989 was approved in May by the Great Lakes Commission. ARC staff is currently developing an Upper Subwatershed map that shows ongoing projects and potential future projects eligible for future grant funding.

**NOAA Fisheries Grant: Wayne Road Dam Removal:**

NOAA notified the ARC in May that it would like to fund this project. ARC staff has edited the proposal based on NOAA comments, including reducing the grant request to just over \$1 million. We are currently awaiting final approval and contract documents.

**2011 Grant Applications**

**NOAA Fisheries Grant:** See above

**Statewide Public Advisory Committee/Great Lakes Commission Grant:** See above.

**MDEQ Monitoring Grant:** This grant is for \$50k to do water quality monitoring in the Upper and Main 1-2 E. coli priority areas to narrow down sewage discharges during dry weather conditions. The time frame for the project would be fall 2011 – winter 2013.

**GLRI 2011:** The ARC was notified in June that this application was not approved for GLRI funding in 2011. The grant proposal was in partnership with the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds for the following:

Under Implement Lakewide Management Plan (LaMP)Projects(I.D.2, page 19), a \$300,000 project to install grow zones in schools through the Green Schools Program managed by Wayne County (it includes schools in the ADW and ARC) with workshops, public ed., etc.

**NEW: U.S. Forestry/GLRI 2011:** In June, the ARC submitted a \$374,980 grant to the US Forestry Service through the State of Michigan to purchase and plant 2,000 trees in the Rouge River Watershed in partnership with Wayne County and several ARC member communities. Notification to successful applicants should be in September. The following communities requested trees:

ARC Member	# of Trees
Bingham Farms	20
Bloomfield Hills	50
Canton Township	200
Lathrup Village	40
Livonia	80
Plymouth Twp.	150
Rochester Hills	50
Southfield	100
Walled Lake	10
Wayne	200
Westland	100
Wayne County	900
Total:	1,750

### **c. Rouge Gateway Meeting**

J. Ridgway reported that ARC staff met with the Gateway partnership leadership (Wayne County and U-M/D) and the EPA Legacy Act representatives to discuss how Industrial Entities along the Rouge River could access Legacy Funds for sediment remediation. One private firm has an on-going remediation on the Rouge which is receiving 65% grant funds. Others were offered a similar arrangement. All industrial representatives were interested in the opportunity but needed to review the offer internally. ARC and Gateway leadership will continue to pursue this opportunity. (Note – No ARC funding was offered or expected).

## **6. Standing Committee Reports**

### **a. Finance Committee**

#### Draft 2010 budget vs. actual

Don Rohraff reviewed the 2010 budget vs. actual report.

#### 2010 Audit and Financial Statement

D. Rohraff reviewed the 2010 Audit and Financial Statement. He informed the committee that the ARC taxes were filed as well. C. O'Meara had available original bound copies for any member who would like one. The audit and financial statement will also be available on the ARC website.

#### A/R and A/P Reports

D. Rohraff reviewed the accounts receivable and accounts payable reports.

#### 2011 Budget Amendment

D. Rohraff reviewed the 2011 budget amendments as follows:

Finance Committee Amendment 2: Add 2011 GLC Grant "SPAC3 Developing a Coordinated Effort to Address Rouge AOC BUIs". This amendment adds the 2011 GLC PAC grant budget line to the 2011 ARC Budget with funding of \$24,989 for these activities. No match is required.

The motion was made by K. Buford to recommend to the Full ARC the approval of the 2011 Proposed Budget Request as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Tim Faas and passed unanimously.

D. Rohraff reviewed the two contract amendments to ECT's contract with the ARC as follows:

Appendix E – Scope of Services for Public Advisory Committee/Great Lakes Commission Grant – adds the scope and cost of \$17,374.20 for the new SPAC3 grant to develop a coordinated effort to address Rouge AOC BUIs to the Executive Director Services contract. Tasks include refining the Rouge River AOC BUIs delisting strategy, preparing a subwatershed delisting strategy template, coordination of AOC activities and preparing the final report.

Appendix F – Scope of Services for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative 1 (GLRI1) Transforming the Rouge additional activities – funds for Task 1 Grow Zone Design and Construction Oversight and Task 4 Construct Valley woods Wetland Preserve Improvements will be performed by ECT due to insurance issues with the City of Detroit and Southfield. This will increase the ECT budget by \$85,000. This does not change the ARC budget as funding for these activities are paid for with grant funds.

The motion was made by K. Buford to approve the ECT contract amendments as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by B. Siedlaczek and passed unanimously.

D. Rohraff informed the committee that the ARC staff is putting together a table that shows any dues adjustments (+/-) now that the 2010 census data is available. This will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and recommendations will be brought to the next Executive Committee meeting.

D. Rohraff reviewed the 2012 Budget Preparation Schedule and informed the committee that the budget preparation for 2012 is moving along as scheduled.

**b. Organization Committee**

Kelly Cave stated that the Organization Committee has not meet to date but will be scheduling a meeting to review the draft revision of the ARC Bylaws that Meghan Bonfiglio and ARC staff have drafted. She expects to have a draft for the Executive Committee's review at the next meeting.

**c. PIE (Public Involvement and Education) Committee**

Brandy Siedlaczek reported that the ARC rain barrel sale on June 18 in Farmington Hills sold 208 rain barrels and the event on July 9 in Southfield sold 304. The PIE also sponsored a White Pine seedling giveaway at the July 9 event. She stated that the number was down on the July 9 due to the holiday week and that they expect a better sale on the upcoming event in Westland on July 30. B. Siedlaczek handed out samples of the ARC bookmark that was made, 5,000 have already been distributed to ARC member communities and partners and 5,000 more have been ordered.

**d. Technical Committee**

Gary Zorza reported that the Technical Committee continues to move forward with the online reporting system. Spicer will be moving it to the website for communities to access soon. He reported that Lathrup Village was able to change their reporting date in anticipation of using the online system.

G. Zorza reported that the IDEP IAA has been signed between Oakland County and the ARC.

G. Zorza reported that the next meeting with MDEQ Permit Workgroup is scheduled for July 19. J. Ridgway stated that the ARC staff will continue to attend the workgroup meetings and report back to the ARC members.

**7. Report from WCDPS**

Kelly Cave reported that they are still waiting to hear whether there will be RPO funds for 2012 and that she will pass on any information as soon as they get it.

K. Cave reported that Wayne County received 2011 GLRI funding to implement IDEP and HHW activities under the toxic reduction program. J. Wineka reported that Oakland County submitted four proposals that weren't chosen for funding.

K. Cave reported that she had discussions with Bill Creal regarding the potential for Green Infrastructure funding for riparian corridor planning in parts of the Rouge and other Wayne County locations.

K. Cave offered to show the Rouge Gateway update presentation that she prepared to the Full ARC at the upcoming meeting. The Executive Committee supported this for the next Full ARC meeting.

K. Cave stated that the EPA and MDEQ attended a bus tour on green infrastructure that Detroit and SEMCOG hosted. The City of Detroit originally had a long-term CSO program to build a large tunnel which was put on hold and revisited. Now they are building a smaller tunnel with end of tunnel

treatment with green infrastructure added. Wayne County also put together a summary of green infrastructure activities conducted within the Rouge. K. Cave stated that Region V is still interested in a tour of the Rouge.

K. Cave reported that the USACE is still moving forward with the channel removal/restoration. The USACE has finished their report recommending the removal of the concrete channel and has submitted it to the region for approval.

#### **8. Report from SWAGS**

There was nothing new to report.

#### **9. Other Business**

T. Faas stated that at the MWEA conference, Kalamazoo gave a presentation regarding the Enbridge oil spill and that interestingly the watershed management plan had no mention of what to do with an oil spill.

Some suggested items for the next Full ARC meeting include presentations on the permit workgroup, an update on the revised Watershed Management Plan that was submitted to MDEQ on June 30 and a report on the grants that the ARC has received.

ARC Staff will also have the "Why Join the ARC" brochure finalized and available at the Full ARC meeting.

#### **10. Summary of Executive Committee Actions**

- The motion was made to accept the March 23, 2011, meeting summary.
- The motion was made to recommend to the Full ARC the approval of the 2011 budget amendment as presented by the Finance Committee.
- The motion was made to approve the ECT contract amendments as presented by the Finance Committee.

#### **11. Upcoming Meeting(s)**

- PIE Committee Meeting, July 14, lunch at noon, meeting at 1:00 p.m., Beverly Hills
- Technical Committee Meeting, August 10, 2-4 p.m. at Farmington Hills
- Full ARC Meeting, August 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Canton
- Executive Committee Meeting, October 25, 1:30 p.m., location TBD

#### **11. Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by D. Rohraff and seconded by Bob Belair. The motion passed.

# *ARC Executive Committee Attendance List*

Meeting Date: 7/12/11

<i>Name</i>	<i>Community</i>	<i>Attended</i>	<i>Initials</i>
Alsaigh	Razik	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Ball	Zachare	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ZB
Barnes	Jack	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Belair	Bob	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FB
Bobrin	Janis	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Bonfiglio	Meghan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MGB
Buford	Kevin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K.L.B.
Buiten	Mike	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MLB
Cave	Kelly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KAC
Colaianne	Joe	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Domine	Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
El-Gharib	Ramzi	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Faas	Tim	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TF
Fellrath	Patrick	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
LaManes	Paul	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Maillard	Kevin	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
McCulloch	John	<input type="checkbox"/>	—

Meeting Date: 7/12/11

<i>Name</i>		<i>Community</i>	<i>Attended</i>	<i>Initials</i>
Mekjian	Gary	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>GM</i>
Mullett	Noel	WCDPS	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Murray	Jim	Dearborn	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Rickard	Jill	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Ridgway	Jim	ECT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>JR</i>
Rohraff	Don	Livonia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>DR</i>
Siedlaczek	Brandy	Southfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>BS</i>
St. Henry	Paul	Livonia	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Staup	Aaron	Novi	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Weaver	Don	Northville Township	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Wilson	Tom	Romulus	<input type="checkbox"/>	—
Wineka	Jim	Oakland County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>JW</i>
Zorza	Gary	Farmington Hills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>GRZ</i>
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