1. **Welcome** – Doug Moore, Chair

2. **Roll Call of Members**

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

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3. **Friends of the Rouge Update**
   Marie McCormick gave a summary of FOTR activities and ARC sponsored projects. She gave an update on activities in partnership with RRAC including bug hunts, the new AOC PAC Support grant to the ARC and their involvement with the pending ARC grant application for environmental justice projects in Inkster and Venoy-Dorsey. She will be doing a presentation on public engagement in Inkster at the AOC conference. She discussed opportunities for collaboration on large scale projects and on Wayne County Parks projects involving environmental justice. She mentioned that FOTR is available for hire to do rain gardens in member communities.

4. **Additions or Changes to Draft Agenda**
   None.

5. **Summary of November 9, 2022, Executive Committee Meeting**
   The motion was made by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, to accept the November 9, 2022 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Bob Belair, Northville Twp, and passed unanimously.

6. **Executive Director Report (ARC Staff)**
   a. **2022 Executive Director’s Report**
      Annette DeMaria shared with the committee that the 2022 Executive Director’s Report is available on the ARC website for review. She shared that a presentation will be given to the Full ARC summarizing the 2022 activities.

   b. **MS4 Permit**
      Annette DeMaria informed the group that most communities have a compliance report due on April 1st for post construction stormwater management. SEMCOG asked for an extension on the due date. Members can submit the letter, that the ARC emailed out, in place of the report asking for the extension – this is more for cities, not townships.

   c. **Investigational Sampling Update**
      Annette reviewed the status of the agreements that are in progress with the 3 sanitary sewer districts (Western Townships Utilities Authority-WTUA, Evergreen Farmington Sanitary Disposal System-EFSDS and Rouge Valley Sanitary Disposal System-RVSDS). WTUA’s board has approved the scope of work, pending approval of the other two sewer districts. At OCWRC’s request (on behalf of EFSDS), the ARC provided limited scope of work for 2023 to be in line with their annual budget. OCWRC is seeking scope of work approval from EFSDS. N. Mullett reported that Wayne County (on behalf of RVSDS) is still considering the costs. He said they are supportive of the sampling, but the bigger challenge is the contracting approach and trying to make it more of a grant otherwise it will have to go through the procurement process.

   d. **Grant Report**
      Annette reviewed the grant report on behalf of John O’Meara who was not in attendance. Many projects are moving into the construction phase. The ARC has two grant applications pending with notice expected within the new few weeks.
Annette informed the group that she met with ERB on funding for monitoring activities or possibly permit training for communities. ERB is discussing potential project ideas internally and will circle back with Annette.

e. Great Lakes Restoration Celebration 9/22/23
Annette reviewed the summit that is being planned for September 22, 2023 at The Henry Ford. This is the 4th summit that the ARC has sponsored that will showcase the restoration projects in Southeast Michigan. Attendees will be local, state and federal elected officials. Local watershed groups will be celebrated along with the work they are doing with GLRI funding. There is no cost to the ARC for the event. The Henry Ford, SEMCOG and ECT are providing in-kind services. The ARC is asking ERB to sponsor the event, as well.

7. Standing Committee Reports
a. Finance Committee (R. Runkel, Treasurer/C. O'Meara)

A/P, A/R Report & Profit/Loss Report
Chris O'Meara, on behalf of Rebecca Runkel, reviewed the A/R, A/P and profit/loss reports.

2022 Single Audit
Chris O'Meara reported that activities have begun in preparation for the single audit for 2022.

Ratify E-mail Votes
Chris O'Meara reported on the following email votes to ratify: There was no discussion.

• 12/13/22 – 23 yay and 0 nay for officer slate for 2023-2024 of Doug Moore, Chair; Charles Markus, Vice Chair; and Rebecca Runkel, Treasurer.

The motion was made by Mike Buiten, Wayne, to ratify the email votes. The motion was seconded by Bob Belair, Northville Twp., and passed unanimously.

2023 Budget Amendment
Chris O'Meara reviewed the 2023 budget amendment adding the new EGLE AOC PAC Support grant for RRAC facilitation and monitoring under SPAC12. The grant award is for $154,500 over three years with no match required. The award contract has been signed by the ARC and we are just waiting for the signed copy back from the State. ARC staff activities include facilitation, web site development, Rouge dashboard updates. FOTR activities include social media support, recruitment activities, EJ-DEI support, fish monitoring, benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring.

The motion was made by Noel Mullett, Wayne County, to recommend to the Full ARC the approval of the 2023 Budget Amendment as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, and passed unanimously.

2023 ECT and FOTR Work Orders
Chris O'Meara reviewed the two Work Orders for ECT and FOTR. ECT’s work order 2023-2 is in the amount of $54,500 which covers activities for the AOC PAC Support grant SPAC12. The Friends of the Rouge work order is for $100,000 and includes activities related to the AOC PAC Support grant SPAC12.
The motion was made by Mike Buiten, Wayne, to recommend to the Full ARC the approval of the ECT and FOTR Work Orders as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Trisha Gabriel, Livonia, and passed unanimously.

**2024 ARC Dues**
Chris O'Meara shared the 2024 dues which includes a 2% increase. This is for information purposes to assist members in their budget preparations.

b. **Organization Committee (T. Gabriel/C. O'Meara)**
   Trisha Gabriel reported that there have been no activities under the Organization Committee.

c. **PIE Committee (J. Garrison)**
   Jacy Garrison reported the following PIE activities that are planned in 2023:
   - 1 article and ad graphic
   - 1 static display
   - 1 workday and rain barrel sale at an ARC community GI site and volunteer monitoring (FOTR)
   - final report/map for Ours to Protect watershed road signs

   Jacy Garrison reviewed the results of the 2022 public survey on water quality changes in the Rouge River and informed the committee that it is available on the ARC's website. The overall results of the 2022 survey suggest that the ARC's focus should continue to educate the public on watershed and stormwater concepts and what they mean, encouraging activities the public can do to help protect the Rouge River, and promoting restoration projects and the continued improvement of water quality in the Rouge River.

   Jacy Garrison reminded the group that the ARC banners are being reserved through the ARC website and that the new Business BMP brochure was sent to communities in January.

   She reported that the Ours to Protect watershed signs are being installed by communities and should be done by June 1 to meet permit requirements.

d. **Technical Committee**
   Annette DeMaria, on behalf of Karen Mondora, reported that the permit reapplications process is moving forward with the due date of April 1. They are finalizing the metric report for the TMDL Collaborative Plan and updated to all the Collaborative Plans have been completed and are on the ARC's website.

   Annette DeMaria reported that no IDEP activities have started yet. She also reported that a new 5-year work plan and budget will be developed in 2023 to coincide with the new permit which begins in 2024.

8. **Report from Counties**

   **Oakland County**
   Jacy Garrison, Oakland County reported that a second annual virtual Master Rain Gardener course is ongoing with 71 participants (20 in the Rouge) in partnership with Washtenaw
County and area watershed councils, WCRC and OCWRC. Jacy reported that Oakland County is updating their website so if members have links to pages they may need to be updated. They are also reapplying for their stormwater permit.

**Washtenaw County**

Heather Rice reported that they submitted their stormwater reapplication in 2022 and they just received comments from EGLE. She reported that they have lots of good information on their rain garden virtual site and that they are excited about the native plant expo that is planned for June.

**Wayne County**

Noel Mullett reported that Wayne County has announced their household hazardous waste dates for 2023 and they include Bellville on 4/1, Dearborn on 6/17, Westland on 8/26 and Taylor on 10/21. They also have vouchers available if residents cannot attend one of the events.

Noel also reported that they have broken ground on the Rouge Valley projects that include upgrades to the lift station, work on manhole retrofits in floodplains and regulator replacements. They also found an old, abandoned siphon that was not abandoned properly, and it will be corrected.

9. **Other Business**

Tom Rowland asked if the ARC provided any type of assistance with presentations to schools. Annette said that ARC staff could assist or present if they would like. The ARC could also provide posters or other giveaway items for kids to bring home.

10. **Summary of Executive Committee Actions**

- The November 9, 2022, meeting summary was approved.
- The motion was approved to ratify the email vote of 12/13/22 – Officer slate for 2023-2024 of D. Moore, Chair; C. Markus, Vice Chair; and R. Runkel, Treasurer.
- The motion was approved to recommend to the Full ARC the approval of the 2023 Budget amendment adding SPAC12 for the AOC PAC support Grant.
- The motion was approved to recommend to the Full ARC the approval of the ECT Work Order 2023-2 and FOTR Work Order 2023-2 for the activities under the SPAC12 upon grant signature.

11. **Upcoming Meeting(s)**

Doug Moore reported there is a Full ARC meeting on April 6, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in person at the Farmington Hills HAWK center.

12. **Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, and seconded by Bob Belair, Northville Twp., and passed unanimously.
### ARC Executive Committee Attendance List

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