



Annette DeMaria, P.E., PMP  
Executive Director

Auburn Hills  
Beverly Hills  
Bingham Farms  
Birmingham  
Bloomfield Hills  
Bloomfield Twp.  
Canton Twp.  
Commerce Twp.  
Dearborn Heights  
Farmington  
Farmington Hills  
Franklin  
Garden City  
Henry Ford College  
Inkster  
Lathrup Village  
Livonia  
Melvindale  
Northville  
Northville Twp.  
Novi  
Oak Park  
Oakland County  
Orchard Lake  
Plymouth  
Plymouth Twp.  
Redford Twp.  
Rochester Hills  
Romulus  
Schoolcraft College  
Southfield  
Troy  
University of  
Michigan-Dearborn  
Van Buren Twp.  
Walled Lake  
Washtenaw County  
Wayne  
Wayne County  
Wayne County Airport  
Authority  
West Bloomfield Twp.  
Westland  
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## DRAFT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

July 25, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. – Livonia DPW Office

- Welcome** – Doug Moore, Chair
- Roll Call of Members**  
ECT took roll call of members and others in attendance. A quorum was present.

ARC Executive Committee			Attended Meeting
<b>Officers</b>			
<b>Chair</b>	Doug Moore	Livonia	Y
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Charles Markus	Bloomfield Twp.	Y
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rebecca Runkel	Novi	Y
<b>Past Chair &amp; Interim Treasurer</b>	Brandy Siedlaczek	Southfield	N
<b>Counties</b>			
<b>Oakland Co. – Rep.</b>	Jim Nash	OCWRC	N
<b>Oakland Co. – Alt.</b>	Jacy Garrison	OCWRC	Y
<b>Washtenaw Co.- Rep.</b>	Evan Pratt	WCWRC	N
<b>Washtenaw Co.- Alt.</b>	Heather Rice	WCWRC	Y
<b>Wayne Co. - Rep.</b>	Noel Mullett	WCDPS	N
<b>Wayne Co. - Alt.</b>	Vacant	WCDPS	-
<b>SWAGs</b>			
<b>Main 1 &amp; 2 - Rep.</b>	Brandy Siedlaczek	Southfield	N
<b>Main 1 &amp; 2 - Alt.</b>	Olivia Olsztyn-Budry	Bloomfield Township	N
<b>Main 3 &amp; 4 - Rep.</b>	Paul Horen	Redford Township	Y
<b>Main 3 &amp; 4 - Alt.</b>	Vacant		-
<b>Upper - Rep.</b>	Karen Mondora	Farmington Hills	Y
<b>Upper - Alt.</b>	Trisha Gabriel	Livonia	N
<b>Middle 1 - Rep.</b>	Bob Belair	Northville Township	N
<b>Middle 1 - Alt.</b>	Rebecca Runkel	Novi	Y
<b>Middle 3 - Rep.</b>	Ramzi El-Gharib	Westland	N
<b>Middle 3 - Alt.</b>	Invitation sent Kristina Kramarz	Dearborn Heights	N
<b>Lower 1 - Rep.</b>	John Selmi	Canton Township	Y
<b>Lower 1 - Alt.</b>	Vacant		-
<b>Lower 2 - Rep.</b>	Mike Buiten	Wayne	Y
<b>Lower 2 - Alt.</b>	Jerome Bivins	Inkster	N
<b>Lower 2 - Alt.</b>	Kathy Hood	Romulus	N

**Others Present:**

Annette DeMaria, John O'Meara, Chris O'Meara - ECT Staff, Nicholas Bayley, OHM Advisors (for Ramzi El-Gharib)

Cooperating Partners:

Cranbrook Institute of Science  
Friends of the Rouge  
Great Lakes Water Authority  
Rouge River Advisory Council  
SEMCOG  
Southeastern Oakland  
County Water Authority  
The Henry Ford

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

No additions or changes to report.

**4. Summary of March 21, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting**

The motion was made by Mike Buiten, Wayne, to accept the March 21, 2022 meeting summary. The motion was seconded by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, and passed unanimously.

**5. Executive Director Report (ARC Staff)**

**a. MS4 2020-2021 Progress Reports**

Annette DeMaria reported that the 2020-2021 progress reports were submitted on time. She discussed the need for more support to the communities. Chris O'Meara suggested maybe some type of training that could be developed. Annette DeMaria reported that the ARC requested an extension on the Collaborative PEP so that the end date aligned with the other collaborative plans. All Collaborative Plans end at the end of 2023 with a plan update due to the State by 4/1/23 along with the new permit applications.

**b. Grant Report**

John O'Meara reporting the following grant status report.

**EGLE PAC Support Grant**

- FOTR is doing the fish surveys this summer
- Draft Bylaws have been developed
- Meetings organized and held
- Grant ends August 2023

**EPA Wayne County Henry Ford Estate Dam Fish Passage**

- Contractor is conducting vegetation maintenance.
- Partial opening of the fishway will be done this summer. Full opening will occur in July/August 2023.
- Protective fencing will be reinstalled along the fishway. Pedestrian barriers will be in place at the maintenance bridge and under the road through this October.
- Contractor will be working to remove sediment deposition within the channel.
- Working on social media to get message out about public assistance in helping the site get established by not entering the project area.

**EPA Johnson Creek Fish Hatchery and Tamarack Creek Restoration Implementation**

- Fish Hatchery - Contractor working vegetation maintenance and some punch list items this summer
- Tamarack - Contractor performing final site work and vegetation maintenance.

**EPA Seeley Creek Habitat Restoration**

- Coordination with Oakland County for Contract Document Approval and easement development
- Anticipated bidding here in July (or early August)

**EPA Colonial & Venoy Restoration**

**Colonial**

- Construction work started in June
- Phrag treatments conducted
- Grading for wetland/wet meadow areas done
- Plantings this early fall

**Venoy**

- Construction work started end of June
- Clearing work started

### **EPA Wayne County Parkland Implementation Sherwood Restoration**

- Construction work started June
- Clearing and invasive work completed
- Grading for wetlands
- Native seeding in riparian area done
- Plantings to be completed late summer

### **Bell Restoration**

- Construction work started end of June
- Clearing and access work started

### **Lola Restoration**

- Construction work started end of June
- Site grading ongoing

### **Lower Rouge**

- Reforestation work on pause to be completed next spring 2023
- Lower Rouge Log Jams work has been completed

### **Riverview Restoration**

- Anticipation of bidding project for construction late this fall 2022.

### **EPA LTU Wetland Habitat Restoration Design**

- Design has been completed and EGLE permit application package submitted
- Construction bidding anticipated for later fall with construction in 2023

### **EPA Wilcox/Inkster/Phoenix Restoration Design**

#### **Wilcox Lake Restoration**

- Survey work completed
- Wetland field assessment completed
- Tree identification to be done July
- Fish monitoring to be done in July
- Design is underway and initial concept layout complete
- Construction bidding anticipated for winter with construction in 2023

#### **Phoenix Lake Restoration**

- Survey work completed
- Wetland field assessment completed
- Design is underway and initial concept layout complete
- Construction bidding anticipated for winter with construction in 2023

#### **Inkster Restoration**

- Survey work completed
- Wetland field assessment completed
- Design is underway and initial concept layout complete

### **USDA Forest Service - Reducing Runoff in the Rouge River AOC**

- Requested extension granted by USDA
- Communities in process of acquiring trees for planting
- Some communities decided not to plant so redistribution of some trees to others
- Green Infrastructure design and implementation underway

### **Regional Investigational Monitoring Work Plan for Southeast Michigan**

- Monitoring plan and budget drafted
- Completed outreach to several sanitary sewer districts and GLWA leadership
- Evaluating cost allocation options

**c. PCB Lawsuit**

Annette reviewed the lawsuit on Monsanto with the committee as Farmington Hills and a few other communities asked her about it and whether the ARC communities will get any of the funds through the class action suit. Annette DeMaria said that if you haven't received a letter to contact the attorney to confirm your participation.

**6. Standing Committee Reports**

**a. Finance Committee (R. Runkel, Treasurer/C. O'Meara)**

Rebecca Runkel reported the following.

**A/P, A/R Report & Profit/Loss Report**

Rebecca Runkel reviewed the A/R, A/P and profit/loss reports.

**2021 Audit**

Chris O'Meara reported the process for the 2021 Single Audit continues and that the ARC will need the Single Audit due to the amount of grant funds that the ARC is receiving.

**2023 Dues with Census Data**

Chris O'Meara provided a spreadsheet regarding the census data and how the dues were calculated. Chris stated there were a handful of communities that their population data was not listed on the census site but those have finally been confirmed so these dues will go to the Full ARC for review and approval.

The motion was made by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills to recommend to the Full ARC the approval of the 2023 Dues as presented by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Mike Buiten, Wayne and passed unanimously.

**Ratify E-mail Votes**

Rebecca Runkel reported on the following email votes to ratify:

- 3/24/22: 12 yay 0 nay - 2022 Contract award to Anglin Civil, LLC in the amount of \$2,224,859.52 for work under the GLRI Grant: Colonial and Venoy Restoration Project (GLRI Grant Number GL - 00E02830)
- 5/10/22: 12 yay 0 nay - Extension and budget amendment For SPAC11 - RRAC 2020-2022 Support adding \$33,500 to bring the grant total to \$128,500 and the grant is extended to 8/31/22. It also included contract work order amendments for ECT and FOTR.

The motion was made by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County, to ratify the email votes. The motion was seconded by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills, and passed unanimously.

**2022 Budget Amendment**

Rebecca asked John O'Meara to review the Budget Amendment to WCEPA1. John O'Meara stated that the amendment adds \$77,000 to the 2022 budget for continued construction oversight/field engineering services for the construction of the Henry Ford Estate Dam Fishway. It also provides assistance to Wayne County in the EPA reporting requirements of the grant.

The motion was made by Mike Buiten, Wayne, to recommend to the Full ARC the approval of the 2022 Budget Amendment FC2 WCEPA1 adding \$77,000 to the 2022 budget for a total of \$493,000.

### **ECT 2013 Contract Amendment**

Rebecca Runkel sought approval for the ECT 2013 contract amendment for Revision 3 to Appendix M adding the \$77,000 associated with the WCEPA1 budget amendment.

The motion was made by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills to recommend to the Full ARC the approval of the ECT 2013 Contract Amendment to Appendix M adding \$77,000 bringing the contract total to \$493,000. The motion was seconded by Heather Rice, Washtenaw County, and passed unanimously.

#### **b. Organization Committee (N. Mullett/C. O'Meara)**

Nothing to report.

#### **c. PIE Committee (J. Garrison)**

Jacy Garrison reported the following:

- ARC survey is active on Water Quality Changes in the Rouge River to help direct our future activities, ends September 30 – please share on your communities Facebook. It has reached almost 6,000 just through Facebook. We have received almost 3,000 responses to the survey with initial responses showing success with our Collaborative PEP activities. For example, in 2017 32% of people surveyed thought they lived in a watershed (the rest said they didn't or didn't know), in 2022 75% of people think they live in a watershed! Progress as this was one of our main messages we were trying to get across to people that they ALL live in a watershed.
- PIE materials available and banners available to schedule – get with Tennille
- Ours to Protect watershed signage, getting a few stragglers to provide where they are going to install the signs – once we have that, signs will be ordered, then delivered to communities. 6 communities do not have the staff to install their signs so Oakland County will do theirs for a fee and an outside vendor will install the ones in Wayne County as Wayne County declined to install their communities.
- We will be preparing a new brochure, article, ad graphic and traveling banner educating commercial/industrial/educational/institutional entities (permit requirement) that will be available to distribute and display at their facilities.
- Will be polling ARC Members on potential PIE activities in preparation for drafting the next permit cycle's Collaborative PEP which is due spring 2023 to the state.

#### **d. Technical Committee**

Karen Mondora reported the following:

- The collaborative IDEP plan will be updated for the 2023 permit applications.
- IDEP training has been scheduled with the pollution prevention and good housekeeping on October 19 and the investigator training set for October 18. The training may be held at SEMCOG and online.

## **7. Report from Counties**

### **Oakland County**

Jacy Garrison, Oakland County reported the County's Stormwater Summit is scheduled for October 21 at LTU. A save the date will be coming. She also shared that the Rouge River Water Festival for Oakland County schools is set for September 13-16 and that the 18<sup>th</sup> annual kids clean water calendar contest will be under way soon.

### **Washtenaw County**

Heather Rice reported that their online Master Rain Gardener program is a great success with more than 1,800 rain gardens reported online so far.

Heather Rice also shared that a native plant expo was held on June 4 with 10 native plant vendors attending with 17 other exhibitors like bee suppliers, HRWC and others. The event was attended by 1,600 people.

In addition, Heather informed the committee that their MS4 permit reapplication was submitted April 1, 2022 for Washtenaw County but have heard nothing on it yet.

#### **7. Other Business**

Karen Mondora stated that Farmington Hills is still waiting for EGLE to approve their post construction ordinance. Doug stated that Livonia's was approved by EGLE and is undergoing city review.

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

- The March 21, 2022 meeting summary was approved.
- The motion was approved to recommend to the Full ARC the approval of the 2023 Dues.
- The motion was approved to ratify the email vote of 3/24/22 awarding the contract to Anglin Civil, LLC in the amount of \$2,224,859.52 for work under the GLRI Grant: Colonial and Venoy Restoration Project (GLRI Grant Number GL - 00E02830) and 5/10/22 approving the extension and budget amendment For SPAC11 – RRAC 2020-2022 Support adding \$33,500 to bring the grant total to \$128,500 and the grant is extended to 8/31/22. It also included contract work order amendments for ECT and FOTR.
- The motion was approved to recommend to the Full ARC the approval of the 2022 Budget Amendment FC2 WCEPA1 adding \$77,000 to the 2022 budget for a total of \$493,000.
- The motion was approved to recommend to the Full ARC the approval of the amendment 3 to the ECT 2013 Contract Appendix M adding \$77,000 for a total budget of \$493,000 for work associated with WCEPA1.

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

Doug Moore reported there is a Full ARC meeting on August 11, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

#### **10. Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jacy Garrison, Oakland County and seconded by Karen Mondora, Farmington Hills. The motion passed.