

The City of Monroe  
Commission on Environment and Water Quality  
MINUTES

March 12, 2015 7:00 pm

*The following minutes are not taken verbatim and only reflect an overall representation of the meeting.*

Call to Order: Chairperson Pfund called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Members Present: A roll call of members was taken and a quorum was present.

Barry LaRoy  
Isaac Owens  
Richard Micka  
Maureen Pfund  
Brian Egen  
Bob Potter  
Gloria Rafko  
Dan Stefanski via phone

Absent  
Bonnie Finzel-Doster

Special Guests:  
Melanie Foose MDEQ  
Carley Kratz River Raisin Water Shed

Approval of minutes from February 12, 2015

PROJECT UPDATES:

- A) Flowering Rush Grants – Commission received funding through the International Wildlife Refuge Alliance on behalf of the Detroit River-Western Lake Erie Cooperative Weed Management Area. This funding along with the grant from the Monroe County Solid Waste program will began the eradication of the flowering rush, project to begin in the spring and continue for 2 years.
- B) 2014 PAC Grant Educational Outreach- reviewed drafts that Brian had put together. We should have the finish project by the end of May 2015 as grant is ending May 31.
- C) 2015 PAC Grant –The RFP is out for this year’s grant application, the format is similar to previous years. Ideas were suggested, Outreach for DNAPL, River Cleanups, Trails and studying Life after Delisting. Motion was made by Brian to move forward with Grant Application, seconded by Gloria Rafko, motion passed.

MDEQ Update – Melanie Foose

6 remaining BUI – working on review narrative to remove 2 of the 6 remaining BUI.

COTE should see a draft within the next 3 weeks. Hoping for removal by summer 2015.

A biologist with ECT is looking into monitoring money.

AOC conference wrap up - AOC In Recovery discussion a guidance document should be available in the next couple of months.

A report regarding bird and animal deformities will be emailed to members.

DNAPL – no update.

UPDATES from MEMBERS-

- Ike – shared with us a bald eagle siting.
- Bob –will be leaving his position with the Conservation District May 1, 2015 but will remain active with COTE
- Mr. Micka – passed out a Foundation Document regarding the AOC/PAC
- Carly Kratz – Looking for 1morespeaker for the Annual River Raisin Watershed meeting scheduled for April 22, 2015 at Cabelas.

Motion to Adjourn by Dan Stefanski and support by Mr. Owens – 8:40pm