

Illinois River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2011 - 6:00 – 8:30 pm
Lake View Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
Cave Springs, Arkansas

Board Members Present: Larry Adair, Scott Carney, Mike Faupel, Hunter Haynes, Tom Hopper, Uvalde Lindsey, Jimmy Mardis, Jennifer Michaels, Terry Rakes, Steve Randall, John Sampier, Mark Simmons, Tim Snell, Scott VanLaningham

IRWP Employees/Contractors: David Duncan, Delia Haak, Michael Lindsey, Liza Miller, Marshall Mitchell

Guests: Johnny Harp, Lake View Baptist Church; Stephanie Burroughs, Cargill; Tom Burroughs, AR Canoe Club; Ken Eastin, Eastin Outdoors; Joyce Hale; Mark Kottmyer, Nature Conservancy; Cave Springs Mayor Larry Smith; AR House Representative Tim Summers; Melvin Young, Cave Springs volunteer

1. Treasurer's Report: Michael Lindsey, Ozarks International Consultants

- Report financial statements: January 1 through June 30, 2011
- Budget adjustment recommendations by finance committee
 - Reduce mileage expense by \$4,000
 - Increase Insurance for L. Miller by \$1,000
 - Increase phone/internet for D. Duncan and L. Miller by \$3,000
 - M. Simmons made motion to accept budget adjustments

2. Finance Committee:

- Update on WFF planning grant
 - Grant for up to \$50,000 for Lake Keith planning grant
 - September 1, 2011 – February 2012
 - 13 board members volunteered to serve on planning committee
- Lake Keith Tour – Hunter Haynes, Tim Snell and Mark Kottmyer, Nature Conservancy

3. Program & Planning: Hunter Haynes, chair

- USGS biological assessment and monitoring: on KNWA and KFSM evening news
- Rain Garden ANRC Grant initiative July 1, 2011-June 30, 2014
 - Rain Garden Grant Steering Committee (IRWP and BWD) to meet on Aug. 10
 - Rain Garden Specialist to work for IRWP to oversee rain gardens in Illinois River Watershed and Beaver Lake Watershed
- AEP-SWEPCO Tree Farm Update – Scott Carney
 - Plan on distributing trees to schools, rain gardens, CREP projects

- 4-State Watershed Academy – Sep. 29-30
 - 95 registered to date
 - EPA Region 6 Administrator Dr. Armendariz speaking
 - Governor Beebe speaking at luncheon
 - Invited OK, KS, & MO governors to also speak at luncheon
- Draft Watershed Management Plan Update
 - Grant proposal to be submitted to ANRC for July 1, 2012 – June 2014 grant

4. Education Committee: Jennifer Michaels

- Riparian project – hoping with help of tree farm to add 2-3 more plantings per year
- Add signage to trees planted to educate public
- Water Quality Monitoring & Creek Cleanups to be scheduled on the same day as tree plantings
- Water Safety Campaign – Spring 2012
 - Training Videos & Public Service Announcements
 - ✓ Translate videos (Spanish, Hmong, Laotian) to educate all groups about water safety
- New foldout map to include Rain Gardens, Native Plants, Tree Planting, CREP-EQIP Programs
- Conservation Program, David Duncan, Coordinator
 - 10 more farms in progress – approx. 65 to 75 approx. acres
 - Natural Regeneration now included
 - No update on proposed federal changes to CREP program
 - Tracking system on contacting landowners
 - CREP/EQIP fact sheet
 - 50 landowners identified with 90+ acres in floodplain
 - ✓ Sending letters with CREP/EQIP factsheet this week
 - ✓ CREP-EQIP info to be handed out at county fairs
- Clean Water Raingers Report – Marshall Mitchell
 - 33 concerts January 2010-June 2011
 - Upcoming Concerts: OSRC meeting, Frisco Festival, Benton Co. Fair, Washington Co. Fair
 - Walmart Stormwater Compliance Team grant proposal pending, to hear in September
 - Plant trees from SWEPCO tree farm at CWR schools

5. Membership Committee: Jennifer Michaels

- 2011 Membership Update
- Golden Paddle Awards
 - Deadline for nominations is Oct. 1
 - Will send email of past winners

6. Nominations Committee:

- **August 18:** Commence nominations process. Notification to the general membership.
- **September 1:** Deadline for the general membership to submit potential candidates.
- **September 10:** Nominations form and list of candidates to category representatives.
- **October 1:** Deadline for category representatives to return nomination forms.
- **October 13:** Last day for new members to join and have voting privileges.

- **October 31:** Nominations committee submits slate of candidates for Annual Meeting.
- **November 8:** Annual Membership Meeting. Approval of slate of nominations by the Board and affirmation by vote of the Membership.
- **2011 Expiring Terms**
 - Dan Douglas - Agriculture
 - Jimmy Mardis - Business
 - Mike Faupel - Conservation
 - Hunter Haynes - Construction
 - Marilyn Edwards - Government
 - Dirk Philipp - Tech, Res, & Educ
 - Robyn Reed - At Large (GOVT)
 - Karen McSpadden - At Large (TRE)
 - Uvalde Lindsey - At Large (BSNS)
 - Rick Stubblefield - At Large (BSNS)
- **OFFICERS**
 - President – Mike Faupel (term limited 2012)
 - Vice President – Sam Goade (term limited 2013)
 - Secretary – Jennifer Michaels (term limited 2012)
 - Treasurer – Rick Stubblefield (term limited 2013)

7. TMDL Committee: Tom Hopper

- Summary of May 19 EPA presentation
- Continued concern about lack of funding for most current data
 - Still using data from 2006
- OK Water Resource Board announced public hearing to be held in Tahlequah Aug. 11
 - Info to be gathered and given to OK Water Resource board by Aug. 1
- Water quality standard review process to conclude June 2012
- Link on our website to OWRB report information

8. Board Policies & Procedures Manual: Jennifer Michaels, Secretary

- Need to collect everyone's signed policies with edits
- Vote on updated policies and procedures at November board meeting

9. Adjourn