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Illinois River Watershed Partnership
Watershed Learning Center
221 S. Main Street
Cave Springs, AR

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 1, 2014
2nd Quarter Board Meeting

- 5:00 pm Tour of Progress at IRWP Watershed Sanctuary and Learning Center – Sandwiches served
- 6:00 pm **Welcome and Call Meeting to Order:** Sam Goade, President
Introduction of Guests: Walmart Information Systems, Motorola, Wachter
- 6:10 pm **Minutes** of February 6, 2014 Board Meeting
Board Action: Motion by Weber to approve minutes; second by Pharr; motion passed to approve Feb. 6, 2014 IRWP Board meeting minutes.
- 6:15 pm **Finance Committee Report:** Dr. Ralph Weber, Treasurer, chair
Presentation of Jan 1-March 31, 2014 Financial Statements prepared by Michael Lindsey, Ozark Consultants. **Board Action:** Motion by Simmons to approve First Quarter 2014 financial statements; second by Hale; motion passed to approve January 1-March 31, 2014 Financial Statements.
- 6:20 pm **Program and Planning Committee:** Hunter Haynes, chair
Modus Studio Presentation – Low Impact Development (LID) for Learning Center
Watershed Learning Center – Church renovation plan and budget estimate approved.
- 6:40 pm **Technical Committee:** Tom Hopper, chair
Cave Spring Cave Recharge Zone Study update
Arkansas State Water Plan update – Tim Snell TNC
Phosphorous-Removal Structure Field Day May 23 – presentation by Dr. Josh Payne, OSU
Conservation Projects: Rain Garden Project, Riparian Project, Razorback Greenway – Becky Roark
- 7:00 pm **Education Committee:** Dr. Dirk Philipp, chair
2014 Education Outreach, Action Plan Events and Social Media report- Lauren Ray
1914-2014 Time Capsule Celebration Nov. 15 – Roland Pinault
Roland presented the proposal to form the Historic Preservation sub-committee (HPC) under the current Education Committee to plan and carry out a 2014 Time Capsule and celebration event commemorating the 1914 Bartlett Dam in the lake. All monetary and construction or engineering needs of the HPC must be approved by the appropriate other committees (i.e. financial, technical)
The event day is proposed for November 15th 2014. Motion by Pharr to approve establishing sub-committee for this project; second by Van Laningham; motion passed to approve HPC sub-cmte.
Annual Conference: “Restoration of Our Rivers” at Crystal Bridges Oct. 2-3
- 7:20 pm **Membership Committee:** Tom Allen, Chair
Illinois River Art Salon Annual Fundraiser 6:00 pm Crystal Bridges Oct. 2
Golden Paddle Award ceremony Oct. 2 at Crystal Bridges
2014 Membership dues due
- 7:30 **Nominations Committee:** Scott VanLaningham presented nominee James Simpson to fill vacate board position in agriculture. James holds a master’s in Animal Science from UA and is currently president of the Benton County 4-H Foundation, farmer and lifelong resident of Cave Springs.
Motion by VanLaningham to approve Simpson nomination to fill open board position in Agriculture; second by Pharr; motion passed to approve Simpson to IRWP Board.

7:40 pm

AGFC update: Sam Goade, President

Discuss AGFC proposal for work to complete \$880,000 MOA.

AGFC has proposed a different structure to fulfill the July 1, 2012 agreement between AGFC and IRWP. AGFC proposed the following to fulfill \$880,000 MOA: (1) complete the water control structure; (2) complete the stream restoration to replace hatchery raceways; (3) provide remaining funds to IRWP in form of block grant to complete a north pavilion, amphitheater, trail with funds up to \$880,000 total. Goade, Hopper, and Haak had conference call with AGFC Crow, Gunter and legal team and agreed to await 60% construction drawings to be completed by Haizlip Studios and then IRWP will submit grant proposal under the AGFC Wildlife Program. Motion by Simmons to hold a special IRWP Board meeting to approve Haizlip 60% drawings and solicit actual bids to submit to AGFC with grant proposal for remaining funds. Second by Snell; motion passed to hold special board meeting to approve bids for construction of pavilion and amphitheater.

Note: AGFC prepared architectural drawings for fishing pier that would span the Bartlett Dam and IRWP would apply for separate grant under AGFC SRF funds to construct the fishing pier. Timeline of agreements between IRWP and AGFC provided as Appendix A.

7:50 pm

New Business

IRWP Board Meeting Dates: August 7, November 6

8:00 pm

Adjourn Motion by Simmons to adjourn; second by Carney. Motion passed.