

Illinois River Watershed Partnership
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2017
Watershed Learning Center, Cave Springs, Arkansas

1st Quarter Board Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Call to Order: Tom Hopper, President

Introduction of Guests: Ed Fite, Ryan Benefield, John Bailey

Board Member Attendees: Cliff Gibbs, Roland Pinault, Scott VanLaningham, Patrick Tenney, Terry Rakes, Hunter Haynes, Jason Bramlett, Scott Carney, Ralph Weber, Tim Snell, James Simpson, Evan Teague

Staff Attendees: Nicole Hardiman, Robin Gregory, Stephanie Burchfield

Review of Minutes from November 3rd Board Meeting: Tom Hopper

Motion of approve minutes from November 3rd meeting. Motion made by Tim Snell, second by Hunter Haynes. Unanimous approval

Nominations committee: Evan Teague

With existing vacant at-large spot, former Board member Mark Simmons suggested Ed Fite to join the Board. Additional vacancy this week with resignation of former Washington County Judge Marilyn Edwards. Our recommendation is to fill the vacancy with Ed Fite in the government position. Motion made by Mike Faupel, second by Scott VanLaningham. Unanimous approval.

Finance Committee Report: Cliff Gibbs

Review of January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016 draft financial statements

- Cliff would like to thank Ralph for his help with financial reporting.
- Balance sheet (statement of financial position): refer to attachment. Finance committee removed two accounts receivable: Southwestern Energy and reduction in GIF funds.
- IRWP will pay off remaining loan for the Learning Center as soon as possible.
- Budget Report: please see attachment.
- Titles of some line items will be altered and/or tracked as new line items. For example, projects in “conservation” line item are related to maintenance of the watershed sanctuary.
- Motion to approve Statement of Financial Position and Budget Report for 2016. Motion made by Tim Snell. Seconded by Mike Faupel. Unanimous approval.

Other finance committee items:

- Looking to additional security with lighting and cameras for watershed sanctuary. . Roland has secured wireless security cameras and will install in the spring and will make all of the watershed sanctuary wireless. Will keep seven days of recordings.
- Reviewed credit card limits for employees

Summary of Scenic Rivers Joint Phosphorus Study: Ryan Benefield

Results: A six-month average TP level not to exceed 0.035 mg/L based on water sampled collected during critical condition. Critical condition for the joint study are the conditions where surface runoff is not the dominant influence of total flow and stream ecosystem processes.

Recommendations:

- develop a monitoring and assessment program informed by the joint study and other scientific information to determine attainment of the criteria.
- other issues: hydrologic alteration, riparian zone protection, streambank stabilization, fluvial channel habitat, in-stream mining, etc.

2017 Programming

Streambank Erosion Inventory Report: Robin Gregory

Short-term plans and long-term strategy: Nicole Hardiman

Committee Reports: No reports

Next Board Meeting: May 4. Quarter 3 and 4 meetings dates: August 3, November 2

Adjourn