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**Illinois River Watershed Partnership  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
August 2, 2012  
IRWP Office – Cave Springs, Arkansas**

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**Board Members Present:**

Larry Adair	Tom Hopper	Steve Randall
Scott Carney	Jimmy Mardis	Robyn Reed
Dan Douglas	Jennifer Michaels	Mark Simmons
Mike Faupel	Dr. Josh Payne	Tim Snell
Jay Hale	Gene Pharr	Evan Teague
Hunter Haynes	Terry Rakes	Patrick Tenney

**Board Members Absent:**

Tracie Ashley	Jerry Hunton	Jackie Smith
Jonathan Barnett	Uvalde Lindsey	Rick Stubblefield
Judge Marilyn Edwards	Dirk Philipp	Scott Van Laningham
Sam Goade		

**IRWP Staff and Contractors:**

Dr. Delia Haak	Becky Roark	Lauren Ray, Summer Intern
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**IRWP Members and Guests:**

David Duncan	Angela Danovi, Ozarks Water Watch	Kent Thornton, FTN Associates
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- 1. Welcome and Call To Order – Mike Faupel**
- 2. Introduction of Guests and Public Comments - No Public Comments**
- 3. Approval Of May 3, 2012 Meeting Minutes**
  - Motion to approve minutes by H. Haynes, seconded by T. Snell, All in favor. Approved with no changes.
- 4. Treasurer And Finance Committee Report – Delia Haak (for Michael Lindsey)**
  - Motion to approve June 30, 2012 financial statements by M. Simmons, seconded by J. Hale. All in favor. Approved.
- 5. Technical Committee Report – Tom Hopper, Chair**
  - Kent Thornton, FTN Associates, passed out copies of the draft IRWP Watershed Management Plan and gave a presentation.
    - ANRC has approved the plan.
    - Oklahoma has a plan that has been accepted by EPA.
    - IRWP plan follows EPA 9 elements and is organized by these elements.
    - There are 27 HUC 12 subwatersheds in the Upper Illinois River Watershed.

- Showed map of impaired streams. Five subwatersheds appeared at least once as a high priority; 2 urban, 2 agriculture, 1 municipal point source system.
  - Little Wildcat-Clear Creek
  - Lake Fayetteville-Clear Creek
  - Sager Creek
  - Lower Muddy Fork-Illinois River
  - Lake Wedington-Illinois River
- ADEQ has identified the IRW as a priority watershed. Criteria include pathogens, sediment, nitrates and total phosphorus.
- WMP addresses 3 of 4 criteria. Pointless to address TP until TMDL's are defined by EPA.
- Schedule and milestones for next 5 years – building on our ongoing activities.
- FTN is helping to facilitate the State Water Plan.
- Tom Hopper – EPA TMDL
  - There will be another EPA meeting in October.
  - Model is what it should be.
- Josh Payne talked about to NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants submitted to government, working with IRWP. He gave presentation of projects; Subsurfer and P Removal Structure
  - Subsurfer: There has been a lot of positive research showing reduction of phosphorus and keeping it in the soil.
  - Notification date pushed back and they are still waiting to hear if approved.
  - Questions followed: J. Payne wants to look at Subsurfer application strategies.
  - E. Teague – Once research is done they could probably make Subsurfer a BMP in Arkansas.

#### **6. Program and Planning Committee – Hunter Haynes, Chair**

- Hunter gave an update on status of Lake Keith purchase and WFF Challenge Grant.
  - Passed out Arkansas Game and Fish drawing showing what they would provide.
  - Documentation due to Walton Family Foundation by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Discussion on funds for purchase.
- Rain Garden Project – Becky Roark
  - Successfully completed 10 rain gardens in the Illinois River Watershed and 5 in the Beaver Lake Watershed.
  - Spring Rain Garden Academy had 45 participants, including one developer.
  - Rain Garden Academy next week for Educators; offering CEUs.
  - Public can register their rain garden on the IRWP website.
- CREP-EQIP Conservation Program Update – David Duncan
  - Sent out information to 2400 eligible landowners. Information sessions held in June with follow-up visits, 5 in Benton County and none in Washington County.

#### **7. Education Committee Report – Jennifer Michaels, Co-Chair**

- J. Michaels gave an update on the Clean Water Rainers Program. Concerts have been performed for over 16,000 students and educators to date.
- Will be filming music videos for songs Only Rain Down The Drain and Stop! Turn Around! Students from Prairie Grove Middle School EAST Lab will dance in the videos.

#### **8. Membership Committee – Steve Randall, Chair**

- S. Randall discussed the Illinois River Splash event. 86 attended and many had never been in the river.
  - Education and outreach = awareness and awareness turns into members.

- Gave overview of float trip from outfall of Lake Keith, presented a slideshow of photos and talked about issues:
  - Went through several back yards.
  - Electric fence across river.
  - Diesel fuel floating on water.
  - Livestock in river. Steers broke through line of boats.
  - Trees down in water created obstacles.
  - Access may be better at bridge below golf course.
  - Ended float just above confluence of Osage Creek and Illinois River near the Hwy. 58 bridge.
- Steve is working to get Oklahoma folks interested, which can impact what we do.
- Reminder: Golden Paddle nominations due August 15<sup>th</sup> and memberships renewable.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Lauren Ray – Summer Intern, talked about the Watershed Camps for teachers and students. The Board and IRWP Staff thanked Lauren for her great service this summer.
- Evan Teague – board nominations due. He will be sending out information packets.
  - Upcoming Officer Term Expirations: Mike Faupel and Jennifer Michaels
  - Sam Goade has agreed to serve as President.

## **10. Meeting Adjournment – Mike Faupel**

- Motion to adjourn by E. Teague, seconded by G. Pharr. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Recorded By:            Jennifer Michaels, IRWP Board Secretary