

**Illinois River Watershed Partnership  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Meeting #12  
6:00 pm, Tuesday, August 12, 2008  
Siloam Springs Community Center  
Siloam Springs, AR**

**Board Members Present:** Adair, Bowman, Butler, Douglas, Faupel, Hale, Herron, McSpadden, Michaels, Pharr, Rakes, Saunders, Simmons, Smith, Snell, E. Teague, K. Teague, Thomas, Van Laningham, Woolbright

**Guests & Members Present:** Steve Randall (OSRC Commissioner), Joyce Hale (Washington County League of Women Voters), Brian Haggard (AWRC), Leslie Bartsch (AWRC), Siloam Springs Boy Scouts, Phillip Moore (Congressman Boozman's office)

1. Meeting called to order/ Susan Thomas at 6:14 PM
2. Introduction of Guests/ Susan Thomas
3. Minutes:  
**Motion to accept minutes from Meeting #11 (May 13, 2008) made by Simmons, seconded by Pharr. Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee/ Larry Adair, Chair and Michael Lindsey, Morgan Keegan
  - M. Lindsey discussed the budget and financial statements through July 31, 2008. (copies attached hereto).
  - Update provided on 2008 Sponsorship renewals to date
5. Committee Reports
  - Technical Committee: Sheri Herron, Chair
    - Sheri Herron:
      1. Dr. Brian Haggard and Leslie Bartsch of the Arkansas Water Resources Center (AWRC) have been selected by the Technical Committee and approved by the Board as subcontractors for the three ANRC water quality monitoring grants: Volunteer Monitoring Program, 59 Bridge, and Ballard Creek.
      2. The StreamTeams and map of the 37 volunteer monitoring sites was discussed. Additional information and sign-ups at <http://www.irwp.org/streamTeam.html>
    - Trevor Bowman, City of Siloam Springs, shared plan to change Sager Creek to a more natural hydraulics and reduce sunlight penetration with tree plantings. Formed advisory committee and got 319 grant to downstream of low water bridge. Vertical rock walls and dam will be removed and creek banks will be shaped to more natural flow. Riparian protection ordinance worked on by committee to help with nutrient and sediment loading. Grant is \$200K with \$150K match cash and in-kind from City and volunteers.

- Brian Haggard and Leslie Bartsch, AWRC provided a demonstration in Sager Creek for collecting water samples for the volunteer monitoring project.
- The board participated as background crowd for Maloney Marketing filming a commercial that will air in September promoting our StreamTeams.
- Program and Planning: Mike Faupel, Chair
  - October 6: Bi-State Forum: Congressman Boozman from Arkansas and Congressman Boren from Oklahoma, at John Brown University. Congressmen are sponsoring the meeting and IRWP will be providing lunch.
    1. Philip B. Moore, Policy and Projects Director from Congressman Boozman's office discussed details of the meeting program:
      - a. For networking key stakeholders to discuss water quality;
      - b. Highlighting activities and improvements;
      - c. Discussion on where we should go in the future.
      - d. Invited Key Note Speaker: Benjamin Grumbles, USEPA Assistant Administrator for Water and Speaker: Dr. Tom Simpson, University of Maryland, Professor and Coordinator, Chesapeake Bay Programs
      - e. Governors, Mayors, State Legislators and State Agency representatives will be invited
  - August 14: EPA Jet Stinger Demonstration at Springdale City Council Chambers. It's a tool used to quickly plant a tree and would be useful for our tree planting activities.
  - March 28, 2009: Riparian Project 8:00 – noon. We're taking proposals for 2009 tree planting locations.
  - September 5: OSRC Illinois River clean-up. Call or email OSRC by September 3.
- Education Committee, Katie Teague, Chair
  - Sarah Lewis research presentation update (see attached slides)
  - Arkansas Science Teachers Association Conference – helped them understand the partnership and grants for stream teams
  - “Watershed Wednesdays”: September campaign with ABC 40/29 Meteorologist Drew Michaels – promote stream teams
  - On-line challenge: September weekly quizzes and prizes – Lewis & Clark 9.5' kayak and GPS unit – “Know Your Watershed” and “StreamTeams”
  - Household Hazardous Waste Round Up – October 4 – need IRWP volunteer to staff
  - Twist of Green Fair (sustainability fair): October 4 on Fayetteville Square – IRWP will have booth and we need volunteers to staff
- Membership Committee: Gene Pharr, Chair
  - September 13: Annual membership event at Lake Wedington
    - 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM
    - Activities:
      - IRWP StreamTeam orientation and stream site adoption
      - USGS Geo-caching Treasure Hunt
      - Canoe races and family games
      - BBQ dinner 4:30 PM
      - 5:30 Concert by Michael Reno Harrell ([www.michaelreno.com](http://www.michaelreno.com))
  - **BOARD: Please submit nominations for Golden Paddle Awards!!!**

- Nominations Committee, Evan Teague, Chair
  - E. Teague discussed milestone dates and nominations process for Board Positions (see attached slides)
  - Nominations committee recommendation for open seats:
    - Construction: Jon Barnett; Government: John Sampier
    - Joe Woolbright spoke on behalf of Jonathan Barnett
    - Scott VanLaningham spoke on behalf of John Sampier

**Board Action: Pharr made a motion to wave the IRWP By-Law requirements of membership deadline for the recommended board nominees for open seats, seconded by Hale. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Thomas made a motion to accept the two recommended nominees to serve out the vacant terms on the board, McSpadden seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

- E. Teague discussed proposed changes to the IRWP By-Laws.
  - Removal of term limits: Currently two consecutive three-year terms for a total of six years. Committee recommends removing term limits.
  - Extension of term limits for Board officers: Currently two consecutive one-year terms for a total of two years. Committee recommends extending to three consecutive one-year terms for a total of three years.

**Simmons made a motion to accept the recommended changes to the IRWP By-Laws, Snell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Watershed Management Plan update:

The Board met April 19 and July 23 for special working sessions on the WMP. The April 19 working session included a review of draft 3 of the scoping document report and the adoption of the overall goal and objectives for the WMP. On April 21 the Board requested a meeting between the IRWP Technical Review Panel and TetraTech's technical writers. On June 17 the IRWP received from TetraTech an alternative plan for the scoping report and budget. On June 24 the WAG met to consider the proposal and voted unanimously not to accept the new proposal and to terminate work as completed by TetraTech up to that point. At the July 23 special working session the Board approved termination of the TetraTech contract and approved an RFQ to be issued on July 24. Deadline for submission of SOQs is August 22. The evaluation committee will meet the week of Aug. 25 to review submissions and setup interviews for the week of Sept. 9. The goal is to select a WMP subcontractor to start work October 1, 2008.

Recommendation was made to recognize significant contributions of non-board members for their time commitment for this work on annual basis.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 33 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sheri Herron, IRWP Secretary