

Illinois River Watershed Partnership

Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting #1
December 15, 2005
Jones Center, Springdale

1. Introduction of New Board Members (*denotes member present at meeting)

Shawn Grindstaff of the Forrester Group, our meeting facilitator, convened the first Board of Directors meeting of the Illinois River Watershed Partnership and introduced the Board of Directors.

- *Evan Teague (*Agricultural*; Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation)
- *Bill Haak (*Agricultural*; Benton County Farm Bureau)
- *Mark Weathers (*Agricultural*; poultry grower)
- *Jimmy Mardis (*Business*; Tyson Foods)
- Scott Van Laningham (*Business*; NW AR Regional Airport)
- *Mark Simmons (*Business*; Simmons Foods)
- *Mike Faupel (*Conservation*; Sierra Club)
- *Tim Snell (*Conservation*; The Nature Conservancy)
- *Jennifer Michaels (*Conservation*; Lake Fayetteville Watershed Partnership)
- *Joe Woolbright (*Construction*; Woolbright Construction)
- *Jan Skopecek (*Construction*; NW AR Homebuilders)
- Jim Whitener (*Construction*; Lindsey & Associates)
- *Jerry Hunton (*Government*; Washington County)
- David Cameron (*Government*; City of Siloam Springs)
- *Luanne Diffin (*Government*; City of Rogers)
- *Katie Teague (*Technical, Research and Education*; U of A Cooperative Extension)
- Terry Rakes (*Technical, Research and Education*; Elmwood Junior High School)
- Larry Seward (*Technical, Research and Education*; John Brown University)
- *Susan Thomas (*At Large Member*; City of Fayetteville)
- *Karen McSpadden (*At Large Member*; ECCI)
- Uvalde Lindsey (*At Large Member*; Ozark International)
- *Colene Gaston (*At Large Member*; watershed resident)
- *Sheri Herron (*At Large Member*; BMPs/Herron Soils)
- John Lewis (*At Large Member*; NW AR Council)
- Jay Hale (*At Large Member*; Hale Engineering)
- *Gene Pharr (*At Large Member*; Washington County Conservation District)
- *H.L. Goodwin (*At Large Member*; University of Arkansas)
- *Bev Saunders (*At Large Member*; Poultry Partners)

2. Selection of Officers

Mark Simmons nominated the following slate of officers:

President – Luanne Diffin
Vice-President – Bill Haak
Secretary – Karen McSpadden
Treasurer – Jimmy Mardis

Joe Woolbright seconded the nominations. The Board approved the slate of officers unanimously.

3. Meeting Dates

Luanne Diffin proposed and the Board approved meeting on the second Tuesday of the second month of each quarter. The Illinois River Watershed Partnership Board of Directors will have a standing meeting on the **2nd Tuesday of the 2nd month of every quarter at 7:00 pm at the Jones Center for Families** in Springdale, unless the Board President changes the date.

Meeting dates for 2007:

Wednesday, February 15th (adjusted for Valentine's Day)
Tuesday, May 9th
Tuesday, August 8th
Tuesday, November 14th

4. Committee Assignments

Luanne Diffin reviewed the committees and called for committee members and chairs. Mark Simmons asked that all Board members actively participate on committees.

The initial committee memberships are

Program and Planning Committee

Mike Faupel, Chair
Sheri Herron
Evan Teague
Tim Snell
Bev Saunders
Susan Thomas
Luanne Diffin
Patsy Christie

Finance Committee

Jimmy Mardis, Chair
Jan Skopecek
Uvalde Lindsey
Mark Simmons
Mark Weathers

Nominations Committee

Evan Teague, Chair
Joe Woolbright
Katie Teague
Bill Haak

Membership Committee

Karen McSpadden, Chair
Gene Pharr
Jennifer Michaels

The Board of Directors added two additional committees in addition to those established in the by-laws. These committees are the Education Committee and the Technical Committee.

Education Committee

Sheri Herron, Chair
Katie Teague
H.L. Goodwin
Larry Seward
Terry Rakes
Melissa Terry
Amy Wilson

Technical Committee

Sheri Herron, Chair
Gene Pharr
Bob Morgan
Colene Gaston
Karen McSpadden

5. Setting Organizational Priorities

Luanne Diffin asked each committee to develop strategic goals for the organization for 6 months, 1 year, and 5 years. The committees will meet before the February 15th Board meeting to determine goals.

Meeting adjourned.