

# Illinois River Watershed Partnership

## Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting #6

6:30 pm, Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Arvest Bank

Siloam Springs, AR

### Board Members Present:

Adair, Butler, Diffin, Faupel, Gaston, Haak, Hale, Herron, Hunton, Lindsey, Mardis, McSpadden, Michaels, Pharr, Saunders, Shannon, E. Teague, K. Teague, Thomas, Van Laningham, Woolbright

### Guests Present:

Michael Lindsey (Morgan Keegan), Scott Carney (SWEPCO), Rick Stubblefield (OSRC), Joyce Hale

#### 1. Meeting called to order/ Susan Thomas

#### 2. Introduction of Guests/ Susan Thomas

Michael Lindsey (Morgan Keegan)  
Scott Carney (SWEPCO)  
Rick Stubblefield (OSRC)  
Joyce Hale

#### 3. Public Comments

None

#### 4. Treasurer's Report/ Michael Lindsey

- We need to contract for an audit. Lundy Allard & Company, PLLC will do this for \$1,400 and will prepare our 990.

**Motion to contract with Lundy to perform audit and complete 990 made by Mardis, seconded by Haak. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Michael Lindsey briefly discussed financial reports per copies provided

**Motion to accept Treasurer's Report made by Mardis, seconded by Pharr. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### 5. Executive Summary/Susan Thomas

- Julie Shanon provided an update for Oklahoma efforts
  - OSRC Clean-up dates: June 1, July 6, September 7
  - OSRC ban on alcohol still being considered
  - Blue Thumb training in the City of Tahlequah with OCC on May 18 & 19

- Susan Thomas
  - Executive Director
    - Develop Selection Committee to begin process of selecting a new E.D.

**Motion to create a selection committee made by Faupel, seconded by Gaston.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- Board discusses and decides to consider placing the Executive Committee on the Selection Committee
- Other members volunteered to serve: Woolbright, E. Teague, Jay Hale
- Bill Haak requested to be removed from the committee since his wife was interested in applying for the position

**Motion to create a selection committee made by K. Teague, seconded by Saunders.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- Administrative Assistant
  - Discussion if we should hire an admin person to help through the period of searching for an E.D. Michaels asked if the person would have office space and Mardis indicated yes. K. Teague said there is \$8K in the budget for office space.
  - Diffin indicated that we need a database for membership, a newsletter and administrative work. Thomas said Michaels has offered to do the database and Herron has offered to do newsletter, and Luanne has offered to help with the website.

**Motion to give authority to the Selection Committee to contract with someone for admin services made by Pharr, seconded by K. Teague. Motion passed unanimously.**

- MOA with the Forestry Commission for the rain gardens
  - We are participating in putting 6 in the Illinois and 2 in the White River. Email Thomas if you want more information or to volunteer.
- Activities in the Watershed
  - Diffin: City of Rogers no longer land applying sludge; stopped last March. They now dry it and haul it to a landfill. Plant expansion for 50% more capacity \$18 million investment. Permit limit is 1 ppm P; they stay between 0.4-0.7 now and will stay below 0.4 ppm P with new expansion.
  - Woolbright: Flint Creek issue with SSP, that will use more water and stress downstream landowners.
  - Hale: Jay and his wife, Joyce, are installing at their house a 1,700 gal cistern to collect roof water to water garden and yard and rain garden to filter water to shoal creek.
  - Van Laningham: NWAC efforts on Beaver Watershed to get stakeholder group like IRWP.
  - Gaston: Had discussions with group that Van Laningham is referring to and they are interested in working with us.

- Saunders: Poultry Partners are partnering with Winrock to do poultry producer education.
- Faupel: Working to get Sierra Club Little Rock, Dallas, Oklahoma City to be Tributary level sponsors.
- E. Teague: Farm Bureau is working on policy development to help export surplus poultry litter.
- Adair: Talked to Cherokee Hills RC&D to invite them to be a part of the partnership.
- Herron: BMPs Inc. is targeting export of 100K tons of litter from the watershed this year.
- Shanon: Working to get storm water plan adopted
- Butler: Since Spring 2005, have exported 100% of their poultry litter out of the watershed. They have 154 poultry houses.
- Cooperation Policy/Thomas: People want us to participate in projects, solicit our members for donations, etc. We need to decide what we want to be involved in and what we should support. Should we have a committee that decides this?

**Motion to establish a Policy Committee to filter through and make decisions on cooperative projects made by Diffin, seconded by Woolbright. Motion passed unanimously.**

- EPA TMDL/Diffin
  - Partnership needs to designate individual(s) to represent them with ADEQ and ANRC on the TMDL issue on Osage Creek and possibility of developing a watershed management plan. Board determined that the Policy Committee should work with Luanne to determine how to deal with this. Luanne agreed to find out what information and commitment is needed and get with the Executive Committee to discuss.

## 6. Committee Reports

- Planning/Faupel
  - We had a meeting in December to draft our 2007 plan
  - We developed our goals last fall
  - Newsletter/Herron
    - Featured projects
    - Diversity on board
    - McSpadden suggested we run tabloid style to save money. E. Teague said they have a print shop in house and can print them.
    - Discussed potential of advertising, membership info, sponsors, etc.
  - Website: Diffin is working to update the website
  - Watershed signs: We're looking for a donor for metal for the signs.
- Finance Committee/Mardis
  - Working on large donor plan to develop the \$5K and \$10K sponsorships
- Education Committee/K. Teague
  - Watershed map is almost finished. Sarah Lewis is working on it.

- As part of the ANRC grant, have developed proactive positive campaign for urban runoff to encourage change. Includes Radio and T.V. spots. Working with Maloney Marketing and Home Show.
- Membership Committee/Herron
  - Michaels is interested in developing a database for the membership. She is evaluating different programs.
- Nominating Committee
  - Change made to nominations to improve process. Now have directors representing different categories recommend nominees. Have new forms.
- By-Laws Committee
  - Working to remove requirement that secretary also chair membership committee.
  - Will change by-laws and allow general membership (as required) to comment 30 days prior to vote.

**7. Extension on Watershed Grant/Diffin**

- We need to seek a no cost extension on our ANRC grant for the watershed management plan.

**Motion to have Luanne write letter to extend grant made by Herron, seconded by K. Teague. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned.