

Illinois River Watershed Partnership

Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting #16

6:00 pm, Tuesday, August 11, 2009

Cherokee Casino

West Siloam Springs, OK

6:00 PM Meeting called to order by Karen McSpadden, President

Roll Call of Board of Directors

Introduction of Guests/ Karen McSpadden

Board Members Present: Adair, Barnett, Faupel, Gaston, Hale, Herron, Hunton, Lindsey, McSpadden, Pharr, Rakes, Reed, Sampier, Saunders, Simmons, Snell, K. Teague, Van Laningham

Guests & Members Present: Jim Wise (ADEQ), Hunter Haynes (Haynes LTD), Ed Fite (OSRC), Josh Payne (OSU), Rick Stubblefield & Suzanne Stubblefield (OSRC), Jim Gately (MBRWC), Mark Curtis (ABLE), Tom Meyers (City of Siloam Springs), Allen Brown (ANRC), John Coleman (City of Fayetteville), Joe Earney (Simmons), Jamie Burr (Tyson), Michael Lindsey (Ozarks International Consultants), Brian Haggard (AWRC), Leslie Massey (AWRC), Andrew Sharpley (University of Arkansas), John Elrod (Conner & Winters), Joyce Hale, Tony Ramick (ANRC), Phil Lorenz (STIR), Arlyn Dow (City of Springdale), Tim Summers (District 99 AR Legislature), Steve Randall (OSRC), Kevin Igli (Tyson), Bruce Johnson & TracyArgo (White River Fertilizer)

Minutes:

- Minutes from May 12, 2009

Motion to accept minutes from Meeting #15, May 12, 2009, made by Faupel seconded by K. Teague. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Michael Lindsey, Ozarks International Consultants

- Financial statements presented through June 30, 2009

Motion to approve financial statements made by Sampier, seconded by Adair. Motion passed.

Motion to authorize Finance Committee to send out an RFP and select a new auditor to reduce costs made by U. Lindsey, seconded by Pharr. Motion passed.

Presentations:

- **Watershed Management Plan - Brian Haggard and Andrew Sharpley**
- Chapters except for 6 and 9 of plan posted to website tomorrow; password protected for board and ANRC view only. Chapters 6 and 9 will be complete in two weeks. The complete draft of the document will be ready by the end of August.
- AWRC was directed to write draft on every page.
- Tony Ramick indicated that the plan can be in draft format when sent to EPA.
- Board will meet to discuss the plan on September 22, 2:00 PM at Simmons Foods classroom.
- Motion to approve posting of WMP chapters, except 6 and 9, to website tomorrow, protected for board and ANRC view only, made by Pharr, seconded by Simmons. Motion passed.**
- **ANRC Non-Point Source Management Program – Tony Ramick**
- **Multi-Basin Regional Water Council – Jim Gately**
 - Make water and wastewater a regional issue

Committee Reports – COMMITTEE SUMMARY as Appenix A

Nominations Committee, Evan Teague, chair (presentation given by Scott Van Laningham

Board Action: Vote on new nominations to replace resignations

Nominations:

Construction: Hunter Haynes, Haynes LTD

Tech/Res/Ed: Josh Payne, OSU Cooperative Ext.

Tech/Res/Ed: Tracie Ashley, Prairie Grove Science

Agriculture: Jerry Hunton*

Resignations:

Jan Skopecek (2011)

H.L. Goodwin (2009)

Larry Seward (2010)

Mark Weathers (2010)

*Moving from Government position to Agriculture

Motion to approve nominees as listed above made by Simmons, seconded by Sampier. Motion passed.

Program and Planning, Mike Faupel, chair

- Volunteer opportunities – Request board members to participate in field days
 - Lake and Creek Cleanups:
 - August 14: Lake Springdale
 - August 15: Spring Creek
 - August 18: Mud Creek
 - August 29: Beaver Lake
 - Rain Gardens
 - October 17
 - Conservation & Restoration
 - November 5: Streambank Restoration Workshop

Education Committee, Robyn Reed, chair

- October Education/Outreach Campaign: ABC 40/29, KUAF Watershed Wednesdays
- March Education/Outreach Campaign for Riparian Project
- May Online Challenge to AR-OK Schools

Membership Committee, Gene Pharr, chair

- Golden Paddle nominations period is open. Please nominate deserving parties by September 30.
- Field Day: November 10 tours of Benton County Habitat for Humanity Low Impact Development, Sam's Club, and others.

Motion to approve November 10 IRWP annual meeting and Golden Paddle Awards ceremony at Arvest Ballpark made by Lindsey, seconded by K. Teague. Motion passed.

Technical Committee, Sheri Herron, chair

- Current Monitoring Grant:
 - 2009-2010 Monitoring grant with AWRC at 8 USGS sites will run July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010
- Water Quality Monitoring Strategy

Motion to establish a water quality monitoring strategy as follows: IRWP's mission to conduct water quality monitoring must focus our actions to complement the States' monitoring programs and measure the impact and effectiveness of IRWP conservation and restoration projects.

Monitoring will determine (1) Is there a problem?; (2) What needs to be done to fix the problem?;

and (3) After restoration, did we fix the problem? Motion made by Sampier, seconded by Hale. Motion passed.

- Completed Monitoring Grants and Submittal of final reports to ANRC, as prepared by AWRC
 - IRWP Volunteer StreamTeam program – HUC12 37 Sites – Completed July 31, 2009
 - AR 59 Bridge Monitoring – Completed June 30, 2009
 - Ballard Creek at 76 Bridge Monitoring - Completed June 30, 2009

Motion made by Simmons to authorize technical committee to review and approve final reports for subcontracted grants to AWRC prior to submittal to ANRC. Seconded by Pharr. Motion passed.

Finance Committee, Larry Adair, chair

- Board Action: Policy Recommended: IRWP grants shall require a 10% minimum operating fee for the Partnership's time and financial audit, to be negotiated depending on amount of match required and total funding per grant.

Motion to establish a policy that IRWP grants shall require a 10% minimum operating fee for the Partnership's time and financial audit, to be negotiated depending on amount of match required and total funding per grant, made by Lindsey, seconded by Faupel. Motion passed.

Adjourned 8:19 pm.



APPENDIX A

COMMITTEE BRIEFS

August 11, 2009

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mike Faupel, Applied Sustainability Center, Walton College, UA, committee chair

IT'S HAPPENING

Lake and Creek Cleanups

August 14: Lake Springdale	9:30 – 11: 30 am	50 + volunteers: Boy Scouts, UA Freshmen, Cargill
August 15: Spring Creek	9:30 – 11:30 am	30 + volunteers: Boy Scouts, EcoTeam Springdale
August 18: Mud Creek	9:30 – 11:30 am	80 + volunteers: UA, Ozark Natural Foods, Cargill
August 29: Beaver Lake	9:30 – 1: 30 pm	Sponsored by Audubon and Beaver Water District

Rain Gardens

October 17: 8:00 am to 12 Noon Volunteers: Wal-Mart ISD, Benton County Women's Shelter, UA Law Environmental Society, Beaver Water District

Conservation and Restoration

November 5: 9:00 am to 3 pm Streambank Restoration Workshop and Jet Stinger Demonstration
Presentation by Jon Fripp, Natural Resource Conservation Service, TX and Bobby Hernandez, Region 6 EPA
Host: City of Springdale
Co-Sponsors: The Nature Conservancy, Arkansas Forestry Commission, UA Arkansas Forest Resources Center

2010 Riparian Project

March 27, 2010 IRWP Riparian Project Creeks, streams, cities, counties

IT'S ON THE DRAWING BOARD

Arkansas Forestry Commission grant application for City of Gentry and Springtown Restoration Project
Secchi Day for all Illinois River Watershed lakes 2010
Creek and lake cleanups and Rain Gardens

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Gene Pharr, Washington County Conservation District, committee chair

IT'S HAPPENING

Annual Membership Meeting, November 10 at Arvest Ballpark, Springdale
Golden Paddle Award nominations due September 30
Golden Paddle Awards, Sponsors and Volunteer Recognitions, November 10 at Arvest Ballpark
Field Day: November 10 tours of Benton County Habitat for Humanity Low Impact Development, Sam's Club, others. Field Day & Annual Membership meeting Speaker: EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson, tentative

IT'S ON THE DRAWING BOARD

Annual Watershed Appreciation Day July 2010 Osage Creek Folk Festival

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Robyn Reed, Washington County Environmental Affairs, committee chair

IT'S HAPPENING

October Education/Outreach Campaign: ABC 40/29, KUAF Watershed Wednesdays
IRWP campaign to feature theme of **Partners for Stewardship of Illinois River Watershed**
March Education/Outreach Campaign for Riparian Project
May Online Challenge to AR-OK Schools

IT'S ON THE DRAWING BOARD

Watershed Festival, Conservation Days
Website education tools and Online quiz challenge
IRWP and Marshall Mitchell video(s) with Kid's Club
IRWP CREP Stewardship Signs to recognize enrollees

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Sheri Herron, Executive Director, BMPs, Inc., committee chair

IT'S HAPPENING

July 09–June 2010 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission monitoring grant, contract with AWRC at 8 sites
August 15: Hach Kit Monitoring training with Dave Evans, AR Game and Fish, Spring Creek, Springdale
Draft for IRWP water quality monitoring strategy

IT'S ON THE DRAWING BOARD

Pharmaceutical and Learning Tree Workshops with ADEQ
Water Quality Trading program in Illinois River Watershed potential
Project support for CREP Enrollees

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Larry Adair, Arvest Bank president, retired, committee chair

IT'S HAPPENING

New Policy Recommended: IRWP grants shall require a 10% minimum operating fee for the Partnership's time and financial audit, to be negotiated depending on amount of match required and total funding per grant.
Audit: RFQ posted with August 28 deadline for submission of Statement of Qualifications for 2008 Audit.

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Walton Family Foundation positive toward submission of renewal of annual operating grant support matching sponsorships and potential conservation/restoration projects to be identified in Watershed Management Plan.

NOMINATIONS and BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Evan Teague, Arkansas Farm Bureau Environmental Specialist, committee chair

IT'S HAPPENING

August Nominations

CONSTRUCTION: Hunter Haynes, Haynes Ltd
TRE: Dr. Josh Payne, OSU Extension Service
TRE: Tracie Ashley, Prairie Grove EAST Lab Teacher
AGRICULTURE: Jerry Hunton *
*Reassigned from Government to Agriculture position

Resignations

Jan Skopecek
H.L. Goodwin
Larry Seward
Mark Weathers

IT'S ON THE DRAWING BOARD

Honorary or Advisory Board to recognize service of past board members