

Illinois River Watershed Partnership
Annual Membership and Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting #17

6:00 pm, Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Arvest Ball Park, Springdale, AR

Annual membership meeting called to order by K. McSpadden.

1. Introduction of slate of candidates:

Incumbents:

Agriculture:	Evan Teague (AR)
Business:	Scott Van Laningham (AR)
Conservation:	Jennifer Michaels (AR)
Construction:	Jonathan Barnett (AR)
Government:	John Sampier (AR)
Tech, Res, & Educ:	Terry Rakes (AR)
At Large – BUS	Larry Adair (OK)
At-Large – GVT:	Colene Gaston (AR)
At-Large - TRE:	Josh Payne (OK)
At-Large - AGRI:	Bev Saunders (OK)

New:

Government:	Sam Goade, Director of Public Works, City of Springdale
Business:	Scott Carney, AEP Flint Creek Power Plant
Government:	Marilyn Edwards, Washington County Judge
At-Large:	Steve Randall, Vice Chairman, Ozark Scenic Rivers Commission

- ▶ **Motion to accept slate of candidates made by Mardis/seconded by K. Teague. Motion passed unanimously.**
- ▶ **Motion to approve slate of candidates made by Faupel/seconded by Pharr. Motion passed unanimously.**
- ▶ **Motion to waive committee service term limit requirement for Edwards made by Adair, seconded by Pharr. Motion passed unanimously.**
- ▶ **Motion to approve Board candidates made by Hale/seconded by Gaston. Motion passed unanimously.**

Open Board of Directors Meeting

Roll Call of Board of Directors

Board Members Present: L. Adair, T. Ashley, J. Barnett, M. Faupel, C. Gaston, J. Hale, H. Haynes, J. Hunton, U. Lindsey, K. McSpadden, J. Mardis, J. Michaels, J. Payne, G. Pharr, T. Rakes, T. Snell, E. Teague, K. Teague, S. Van Laningham, J. Woolbright

Guests & Members Present: Scott Carney, Marilyn Edwards, Sam Goade, John Moore, UWRB, Steve Randall

2. Public Comments:

- John Moore, Upper White River Basin, discussed new publication and presented copies to Board members. Multiple watershed groups and agencies were involved in putting the publication together.
- No other public comments.

3. Minutes:

- ▶ **Need information added to minutes from Meeting #16, August 11, 2009 in the Committee Reports Section. Will bring up for approval at next Board meeting.**

4. Minutes: Special Board Meeting, October 21, 2009, Genesis Building

- ▶ **Motion to approve minutes made by Pharr/seconded by Adair. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Treasurer's Report: Michael Lindsey, Morgan Keegan.

- 2008 Audit completed. One change will be made and then audit will be available.
- ▶ **Motion to approve 2008 audit via e-mail made by Randall/seconded by Gaston. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Presented financial statements through 9/30/09.
- ▶ **Motion to approve financial statements made by Faupel/seconded by Hale. Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: Karen McSpadden, Chair

- Currently in process - Implementing decision made at October 21, 2009 to appoint Board members from each of 7 categories represented as our official WAG.
- Request from Dr. Haggard, Arkansas Water Resources Center (AWRC) for IRWP to write a letter of recommendation to ANRC to support grant for sampling eight sites in the watershed. Brief discussion on project.
- ▶ **Motion to write letter of recommendation made by G. Pharr/seconded by J. Hale. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Watch for email survey regarding Board retreat.

Finance Committee: Larry Adair, Chair

- M. Lindsey reviewed the 2010-2012 projected budget.
- D. Haak said that the Walton Family Foundation grant is unique in that it continues funding at this level, \$100,000 for 3 years.
- Discussion on budget and salaries.
- ▶ **Motion to approve 2010 budget made by T. Snell/seconded by G. Pharr. Motion passed unanimously.**

Program and Planning Committee: Mike Faupel, Chair

- Discussion on rain garden project in Rogers. H. Haynes talked about drainage confluence between Bentonville and Rogers with serious headcutting. Rogers is developing a city park and will incorporate IRWP rain garden into the park design. Project funded through IRWP and Walmart ISD \$10,000 grant.
- Riparian project potentially to change to Fall timeframe.

Technical Committee: Sheri Herron, Chair

- D. Haak led this committee discussion, as S. Herron was absent.
- Discussed future water quality monitoring sites and money in budget.
- Presented potential opportunity for project with the City of Rogers and WCRC for Osage Creek stream restoration.
- Discussion on USGS bioassessment study.
 - K. McSpadden spoke on the importance of bioassessments.
 - D. Haak said it would be a recommendation of the watershed management plan.

Education Committee: Robyn Reed, Chair

- Discussed 2009/2010 education project possibilities:
 - Watershed Wednesdays
 - Watershed Academy by UA Cooperative Extension Service, Little Rock/Dr. Mike Daniels. They would be more than happy to partner with the IRWP.
 - Clean Water Rainger's Kid's Club – \$25,000 grant received from WalMart and we have started work on this project.
 - Subcommittee planning Watershed Festival for May of 2010. Local school children will attend.

Membership Committee: Gene Pharr, Chair

- 202 IRWP members.
- D. Haak tracking volunteer hours for projects and board meetings. If you have additional hours of volunteer work please let her know. Volunteer hours are reported to our sponsors.

Nominations Committee: Evan Teague, Chair

- Nominations for 2010 IRWP Officers:
 - ▶ **Motion by G. Pharr to approve Larry Adair for the position of Treasurer/seconded by C. Gaston. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - ▶ **Motion by T. Snell to approve Jennifer Michaels for the position Secretary/seconded by G. Pharr. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - ▶ **Motion by J. Hale to approve Evan Teague for the position of Vice President/seconded by K. Teague. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - ▶ **Motion by G. Pharr to approve Mike Faupel for the position of President/seconded by T. Snell. Motion passed unanimously.**

Other Business:

- D. Haak reminded Board members to sign up for a committee(s).
- Committee Chairs for 2010:
 - Larry Adair, Finance Committee
 - Hunter Haynes, Programs and Planning Committee
 - Sherri Herron, Technical Committee (in absentia)
 - Robyn Reed, Education Committee
 - Gene Pharr, Membership Committee
 - Evan Teague, Nominations Committee
- ▶ **Motion by J. Mardis to approve committee chairs/seconded by E. Teague. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Recommendation that the Watershed Advisory Group (WAG) meet monthly until WMP is complete.
- ▶ **Motion by E. Teague to adjourn meeting/seconded by L. Adair. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned by K. McSpadden.

**Meeting minutes by Jennifer Michaels, Secretary
(with additional notes from Karen McSpadden and Delia Haak)**