



## Upper White River Watershed Alliance (UWRWA) General Membership Meeting

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Fall Creek/White River Conference Rooms  
City of Indianapolis, 1200 S Madison Building  
2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

### RECORD OF MEETING

- A. Jill Hoffmann initiated the meeting with round-the-room introduction. Round the room introductions. Organizations present included: IUPUI, Madison County SWCDs, Hamilton County, Veolia Water, DNR, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, RW Armstrong, Empower Results, Eagle Creek Watershed Alliance, Morse Reservoir, Sierra Club, Madison County Council of Governments, Hamilton County Health Department, Williams Creek Consulting, City of Anderson, Town of Cumberland, NRCS, and individual citizens.
- B. Hoffmann provided a recap of the October Record of Meeting and all members present voted to approve the Record as written.
- C. Lenore Tedesco reviewed current financial statements. Current balance as of stands at \$ 19,641, which does not include payments outstanding for the upcoming stormwater workshop.
- D. Grant Requests Update –
  - a. Submitted diagnostic study grant applications for Morse and Geist Reservoirs. Each are in the range of \$50,000 to \$60,000. We will receive word on those in July.
  - b. Submitted a grant application to Contech in the amount of \$12,500 in order to fund the Technical Committees BMP Stormwater Management Tool. Have not yet heard the outcome of this grant.
  - c. Tim Method announced that the LARE grant contract was awarded to Empower Results. The grant focuses on comprehensive planning throughout the watershed and was awarded to UWRWA in the amount of \$81,000. Work on the project is to begin in Spring 2008.
  - d. No word yet on the Riverwatch grant.
- E. Executive Committee Update – Josh Goode updated the general membership on the plan to form an interim Executive Committee in order to proceed in a timely manner about decisions. The Board approved the proposal of the current Executive Committee plus three at large board members to serve as the interim committee. Bob Barr moved to accept the interim Executive Committee change, Summer O'Brien seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. The quarterly educational program was presented by John Buechler of IUPUI and Larry Theller of Purdue University. They discussed the LTHIA model for watershed planning and upcoming coordination with IDEM through various grants.
- G. Hoffmann updated the group on the status of the Technical Committee. They have set a 3 year work plan for the Stormwater Resource Center. Current projects within the work plan that they are focusing on are the Tailored Plant Lists and the Stormwater Decision Making Tool.

H. Watershed Coordinators provided brief projects & event updates. Highlights included:

**Eagle Creek Watershed Alliance – Eileen Hack**

They have just completed their 8<sup>th</sup> Quarter. The group is working to be able to install signs on non INDOT roads. A MOU is still being worked out for installation of signs on INDOT roads. Cost shares are being implemented for Zion Nature Center, grassed waterways at a dairy farm, and streambank fencing. Eileen also mentioned that the results from the Purdue Social Indicator Survey are near completion and results will soon be available.

**Fall Creek – Josh Goode**

Things are moving as planned for the Fall Creek Watershed Study. The group has used LTHIA to diagnose 6 to 7 priority areas. Progress is good.

**Madison County SWCD – Lisa Bihl (for Crist Blassaras)**

The Swanfelt Ditch Implementation grant has used all available funds to make equipment modifications from conventional to no till corn for five producers in the watershed. The acreage of these five producers totals 2,757 acres. Without the conversion 29,224,200 pounds of soil would have been lost in one year. With the conversion soil loss was reduced to 8,822,400 pounds of soil. These conversions resulted in keeping 20,401,800 pounds of soil on the fields and out of the waterways of Swanfelt Ditch.

I. Hoffmann discussed the developing MS4 strategy to provide a regional education and involvement program throughout the Upper White watershed. She met with the group of MS4s in February to brainstorm with them and get an idea of what types of products they would like to see. They would like to plan for a coordinated outreach effort that produces tangible products, activities, and recognizable public service announcements.

Hoffmann also mentioned the upcoming stormwater workshop to be held on March 12th at the Holiday Inn North by the Pyramids.

At the next meeting of the Board there will be June elections. The floor is open for nominations for officers and candidates welcome. She noted future officers must hold a board level membership.

**J. The next meeting was set for June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm at Veolia Water.**

K. Concern about the fees for individual membership at Board level was noted by a guest.

L. Adjourned at 4:05 pm.