



Upper White River Watershed Alliance (UWRWA)
General Membership Meeting
June 12th, 2008
Veolia Water, Cafeteria Conference Rooms
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 SWCD, Hamilton County, Veolia Water, DNR, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, RW Armstrong, Empower Results, Williams Creek Consulting, CILTI, and others.
- B. Hoffmann provided a recap of the March 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 May 31st, 2008 stood at \$ 11,494.38.
- D. Grant Requests Update –
- a. Morse and Geist
Agencies have asked that the applications be revised do the recent public concern about algae in Geist and the various agency responses/monitoring plans associated with the watershed. The grants will shift from Diagnostic Studies to Strategic Management Plans.
 - b. LARE
Work on the LARE grant is moving along nicely. The team is busy analyzing data, collecting comprehensive plans and GIS layers.
 - c. Riverwatch
A request from EPA about the Riverwatch grant came back and they are asking that changes be made so that storage of Riverwatch data and IDEM data are compatible.
- E. Election Update – Officer elections for the 2008-2009 year were held on May 29th. New officers are:
- President: Tim Method, City of Indianapolis
 - Vice President: Lenore Tedesco, IUPUI-CEES
 - Secretary: Josh Goode, CBBEL
 - Treasurer: Lou Ann Baker, Veolia Water
- F. Membership Campaign
The membership campaign is about to begin as membership runs from July to July. Membership brochures and emails will be coming out soon. Members present were encouraged to bring new members into the organization. Membership dues are critical to our continued existence and growth.
- G. Quarterly Educational Program
This meeting's education program was presented by Central Indiana Land Trust (CILTI). Heather Bacher and Cliff Chapman gave an overview of the organizations goals, properties, and the Green Infrastructure Project they are working on.

H. Technical Committee Update

The Technical Committee is working on a number of projects related to stormwater and BMPs. The group is working on a photo library showing BMP locations and photos that persons can go and visit if interested. They are also working on specialty plant lists and planting designs, as well as a stormwater BMP selection tool.

Members present at the general meeting then gave input on the website planning project that the Technical Committee is working on. A rough site map/plan was given to the group and they were asked to give feedback on the list.

Ideas included:

- If planning for a members only area, make sure to have a lot of resources outside that area and available to the general public such as the Speakers Bureau
- Use the Water Resources tab to “tease” member benefits that may exist in the restrict members area
- Focus all tabs on a specific audience rather than topic – help users find themselves and their resources
- Be careful about making publically funded resources, not publically available
- Include a tab for landowner interested in conservation programs
- Include a Press/Media tab
- Don’t have any moving items on the page
- Use dark text and make color consistent across pages
- Add a step by step introductory piece on how to upload layers to the “surfing tool”
- Avoid items that take time or certain speeds to load efficiently
- Stress River uses – drinking water connection (everyday uses and big industry/economic uses)
- Have “planning 101 section” – lay person’s understanding of zoning, ordinances, etc.
- Consider other revenue ideas (sponsors, ads, etc.)

The next Technical Committee meeting is July 31st at 2:00pm. – everyone welcome!

I. Watershed Updates

a. Madison County – Crist Blassaras

The Swanfelt Ditch project closed in March using 100% of the funding for equipment modifications. A new cost share grant is being received in July for the Little Duck-Lilly Creek Watershed.

b. Marion County – Josh Goode

Lower Fall Creek - The draft report of Sections 1-5 was sent to IDEM for review. The project is moving along well. The project is hosting a Shoreline Stewards workshop at Ft. Harrison on June 12th.

c. Hamilton County – Bob Thompson

Williams Creek – Hamilton County and Carmel recently solicited proposals for a watershed plan for Williams Creek. The committee will be making a decision about whom they will be awarding the project to in a few weeks.

d. CEES – Lenore Tedesco

Eagle Creek – The group is continuing to monitor water quality throughout the watershed. About half of the cost share money has been allocated. The Tech Committee is looking to

spend the remaining cost-share on some urban demonstration sites. A third Water Quality Awareness Day is planned for October at Eagle Creek Park.

J. The meeting closed with a few additional announcements.

- A watershed wide River Clean-Up is being planned for September 13th.
- There is an upcoming workshop on Rule 5 for the general public being put on by the Sierra Club.

K. Adjournment at 4:35 pm.

L. Next meeting set for September 25th 2:30-4:30 at Veolia