



Upper White River Watershed Alliance, Inc.
May 25, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM Thursday, March 30, 2007. Those present were as follows: Mr. Kenton C. Ward, Hamilton County Surveyor's Office; Mr. Robert Thompson, Hamilton County Surveyor's Office; Ms. Jill Hoffman, Empower Results; Summer O'Brien, Williams Creek; Bret Robinson, USGS; Lisa Bihl, Williams Creek; Trent Pell, Madison County; Robert Barr, IUPUI; John Duncan, HNTB; Larry Stout, ISS, Jason Armour, Town of Fishers; Liz Elverson, IDEM; Angelo J. Dattilo, Williams Creek; Bette Conway, Morgan County Stormwater Coordinator

Review of Minutes of March 29, 2007:

There were no changes made; the minutes were approved.

UWRWA Membership Update:

Bihl stated that there are 18 paid members that represent County or City. A few of the Golf Outings have signed up for extra membership fees. I will try to do more membership drive at the Golf Outing.

UWRWA Golf Outing:

Bihl stated there are 15 teams and there are about 12 to 16 sponsors. Both beverage carts are sponsored. There will be three bars such as wine, beer and adorvis' which has been sponsored. We have some volunteers to help with registration or helping with putting contest. There will be three area Mayor's that will be at this event. Mayor Brainard and Mayor Distlear will be at registration to meet people to figure out what the Watershed Alliance is all about. The registration hours will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mayor Smith from Anderson will take a cart out and will meet people out on the course. We have not heard from Mayor Peterson office. I think this is a great start to try and push an organization off the ground.

White River Restoration Projects Update:

Thompson stated there was a meeting on May 9th which gave an update of the fund balance. There are a couple projects City of Indianapolis which talks about the ramp project. Another project that was submitted was Cool Creek Restoration Project, Brookshire Golf Course. There was a watershed study that the Surveyor's Office and City of Carmel participated and initiated which had identified some stream banks that were need of restoration. One stream was at Brookshire Golf Course along Cool Creek. There had been a pesticide spill at one time at the Golf Course and part of the restitution easement there on the Golf Course. When City of Carmel bought the Golf Course that was not made known, so the City of Carmel has some issues to work over before the committee would even consider this project. There is another meeting coming up on June 6th at Holiday Park at 4:00 pm.

UWRWA Grant Proposals

Barr stated there were two proposal that went before the Commission, one was a stream rehabilitation package where there were channel charactes on the White River. Try and understand what the river should look like, what stable looks like, what unstable looks like and

how we could achieve that. The 2nd proposal was to look at upper head water mapping and look at areas that needed buffer. The Commission was not going to fund them at this time. If more funds become available they might revisit it.

Bihl stated that her impression was that the Commission wanted to spend that rest of the money pretty rapidly. I think one half of the group is in that mind set and the other half is does not want to see it end.

Thompson stated he sent an email to use the remaining funds to document what has been done since the fish kill and history of the fish kill. Also immigrate public education into that in a high definition format so local television stations could broadcast it. Since we had the fish kill what can we do in the future to prevent it. As far as a product, the Upper White could help out with seems to be something Upper White could tackle with support of IDEM and other agencies as well as stream restoration projects.

Barr stated there are a lot of good projects that could have been and should have been promoted. But they ring of research and study and they are very worried about ending the project looking like they studied something and have not done anything. One of the best proposals was to do a time and travel study in which was critically needed as the time of the fish kill. There was no way to do that.

Mitigation Clearing House Discussion with IDEM

Bihl stated there is a lot of damage and impacts in the Upper White due to development. There is a lot of need for restoration. The damages that go on are required to be mitigated which needs to be done through IDEM whether its stream impacts or wetlands sometimes forest

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting was set for Thursday, May 24, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. in Noblesville.

Kenton C. Ward
Hamilton County Surveyor

Attest: _____
Executive Secretary