



Upper White River Watershed Alliance, Inc.  
May 19, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 PM Thursday May 19, 2005. Those present were as follows: Mr. Robert Thompson, Hamilton County Surveyor's Office; Mr. Carl Wodrich, IDEM; Mr. Bill Savage, City of Elwood; Mr. Rob Shumowsky, MCCOG; Mr. John Buechler, Polis; Mr. Bill Hahn, Hendricks County; and Mr. Zig Resiak, Triad Engineering.

**Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2005:**

There was one change made; the minutes were approved.

**UWRWA GIS Project - Update:**

Mr. Buechler stated that he had hoped to have a demonstration today, but they were hacked; they had to move all their servers to a different set of services at the university. This was cleaned up, but it threw them off about a week. Polis has made good progress. The key piece of this is a database that pulls in all the data from different servers; they have been able to tap into Madison County's server, Marion County with about 50 layers, and then the Indiana Geological Survey; they are waiting on Hamilton County; he spoke with Larry Stout last week and he is working on getting that server up and running. The other piece of this is the actual website, which will replace the standard Upper White website; as opposed to somebody having to know HTML and all the code there is a database; if you have a new article you can type it into a database and then it comes up; you can see that there are different pages and different fields in the database. From a maintenance standpoint they believe that this will work well; Polis has a similar system on their website and their administrative assistant maintains the website.

Mr. Thompson asked who would be maintaining the actual website for the Upper White; will it be someone from the Upper White?

Mr. Buechler stated that Polis was there to help for the next year; they will test that out; if he sent him the database he could input new articles, new links, new pictures, etc.; then Bob would send that back and Polis would replace that database with the new one. In a previous meeting they talked about Watershed Project Data, they need to talk to Mr. Stout to see if he is okay to put that in the web service; it would be available to the Upper White and not necessarily on the County website. Polis has all the Health Department data; it was in an Excel spreadsheet and they built a GIS database for it. Marion County is okay to put the Health Department data on there as well as the water company data in their service. He received a lot of data from Noblesville; it would be cleaner if it would go in the Hamilton County site. There is a website that the USGS has for their stream gauge stations; you can get real time and stream flows.

Mr. Thompson stated that he got an email from Bob Meyer that target the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting; they are going to do an unveiling there.

Mr. Buechler stated that Mr. Quyle is very excited about this project; he told Wade Amos to follow up on it; they would like to get their data entered on this once it is up and running.

Mr. Shumowsky stated that he has a few more layers to add for Madison County; the contours and spot elevations they don't have on their website yet because they haven't tested how it will work on the site; would it be helpful if they made that available for Polis to access?

Mr. Buechler stated that if it is available to access, it would be helpful.

Mr. Shumowsky stated that the zoning for Madison County is one thing that they don't want them to host on their website, but they are fine with Polis posting it; the buildings are available now.

**Guide Lamp Trustee Projects - Update:**

Mr. Wodrich stated that the Trustees approved the \$85,000.00 for the canoe launch in Noblesville; \$1,500.00 for the International School of Indiana, which is in Indianapolis, for a tree planting; \$10,735.00 for White Owl Conservation area in Marion County to do some additional restoration work; they have been trying to get a conservation easement with the Blatchley Nature Club in Hamilton County; the appraisal is going to happen soon; Central Indiana Land Trust has reached a deal with Hamilton Southeastern School Board to purchase 40 acres of floodplain at their new school on Eller Road; they are also working with the Eller's who own the neighboring property to try and purchase some if not all of that cropland to restore it as well. Dr. Tom Lauer, with Ball State University, is going to present a proposal for expanding some studies that he's conducted so far in parts of Madison and Delaware Counties; this has to do with whether fish will move between patches of habitat to get from good habitat to good habitat if there is nothing in between; he is wanting to expand that study into other counties and further tributaries. He will present a proposal at their June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, which will be at the Lawrence Branch of the Marion County Library at 2:00.

Mr. Thompson asked if Mr. Wodrich new which counties Dr. Lauer would be going to.

Mr. Wodrich stated that he does not believe that Dr. Lauer has been doing all of Madison County, but jus the east part of the county; he wants to expand that to the rest of the county and maybe into Hamilton County.

Mr. Thompson stated that if he does decide to go into Hamilton County let them know because they have a lot of resources that could be helpful.

Mr. Wodrich stated that with all the projects coming down the road that leaves them with \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00 that is not allocated at this point; that depends on what the final numbers end up being on some of the other projects that haven't been officially approved yet.

**Next Meeting Date:**

The meeting was set for Thursday July 7, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in Noblesville.

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Kenton C. Ward  
Hamilton County Surveyor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Executive Secretary