



Upper White River Watershed Alliance, Inc.

July 7, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM Thursday June 7, 2005. Those present were as follows: Mr. Kenton Ward, Hamilton County Surveyor; Mr. Robert Thompson, Hamilton County Surveyor's Office; Mr. Carl Wodrich, IDEM; Mr. Bill Savage, City of Elwood; Mr. John Buechler, Polis; Mr. Jeremy Nitka, Triad Engineering; Mr. Larry Stout, Hamilton County ISSD; Mr. Bob Meyer, Upper White River Board of Trustees, Mr. Wade Amos,, Mr. Josh Goode, Christopher Burke Engineering; and Meg Anderson, Christopher Burke Engineering.

Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2005:

There were no changes made; the minutes were approved.

UWRWA GIS Project - Update:

Mr. Buechler stated that they had part of a presentation two weeks ago of the preliminary version of the GIS; this is still not final. They have hit some technical issues and they are solving them one at a time.

Current and Proposed Website of Upper White River Watershed Alliance – The URL is whiteriveralliance.org. At some point the 149.166, etc. will be become whiteriveralliance.org. This is a very simple thing to do; someone needs to redirect the website to the new website at Christopher Burke and the same thing must be done at IU. IU is prepared to host this site for one year minimum, which is part of their current agreement; for the longer term they can evaluate whether this website is held within the University or another organization. This decision needs to be made by this group.

Josh Goode (inaudible)

Mr. Buechler stated that Bob needs to re-register the site. Apparently the Upper White is paying somebody to host this.

Josh Goode (inaudible)

Mr. Buechler stated that the first page is the home page and they are ready to fill in content. They will have some information about recent updates; as the site evolves they will fill in new data that is added and additional information about the site; if there are specific articles about updates to the organization itself that will go in there as well. Calendar of events will have some links to some other sites such as Friends of White River and their meeting dates rather than trying to keep them up to date here. Meeting information and membership information is all there and ready for content. They need people to review terms of use and privacy policy; the URL will be ready to roll out on Monday.

Education Page – There are a couple of links to educational resources; they have the link to the CEASE. He spoke with Johnnie Laupus and there are some other educational materials that are being worked on through the water company. If they have information on the 319 Grants they will plug it in here.

Bob Meyer (inaudible)

Mr. Buechler stated that they have a Geo-database, which is a database that contains not only the information, but graphics. They have created the database and have it on CD; this is a standard format so the intent is that anybody who collects data can put it directly into this database or they can take their data and put it in to this database so that the water sample from Hamilton County and Marion County, etc. will go into the same format. They have a variety of data in there right now; they put the HUC Boundaries in there right now as a reference; project boundaries currently have Carl's data in there. As you update this data it would make sense to update right in the Geo-database. They have river monitoring locations and the Marion County Health and Hospital data. They will get quarterly updates of that data from them. They have points on a map and tied with that are specific Ph temperatures and E-coli counts, etc. Anybody collecting or sampling data they encourage to make a copy of this and then merge the databases.

River Monitoring Stations – These are points that were initially set up as debris locations, image capture sites and river bank conditions; there will be a point on the map and tied to that point could be a picture or a video if they would like or some other information about that site. All you need to do is get in the GIS place a point and attach the image. If they needed to create a database that didn't fit one of these categories they would be glad to do that.

Bob Meyer (inaudible)

White River Restoration Projects - Mr. Buechler stated that they envision that this will be on the website for download and will also be on the map itself when you get on the Internet. As they receive updates quarterly they will take whatever databases or information and compile it and then put a new version out there.

Mr. Buechler stated that he has three more CD's if anyone would like them; he will also send out a link on an email so you can download it.

Picture of Upper White River – This is the full extent of the upper White River. The stream data is currently from the Indiana Geologic Survey called the National Hydrology Dataset. This is what USGS uses to model all their stream networks by a variety of consultants. This is a statewide dataset with some other data coming from the Indiana Geological Survey as well. As they zoom in they turn off that data and get into the real data which is the local data. The next map shows Hamilton County and Marion County; the data is not symbolized the same and looks like they have roads on one and centerlines on the other so they have some work to do on that. The intent is that as you zoom in you will get the data from Hamilton County's server as well as from Marion County's server. They have been able to incorporate Hamilton County, Marion County and Madison County successfully; they are at the stage where they need to turn on and off things depending on view scales. Madison County is a different kind of ESRI site and they have also done their data differently so they are not getting control over when they can turn things on and off right now. They still have to resolve some symbol issues and some legend issues.

Length of Site – Rob Shumowsky has been very actively bugging him as he should. He sent Rob a link and keeps him informed. The Indiana Geological Survey will be hosting some data that doesn't have a home. He talked to them about hosting this and updating it periodically; the sewer data and some other data for Noblesville; currently the Indiana Geological Survey has that data if they could host it there or with Hamilton County's site.

Larry Stout stated that if we had the Noblesville sewer data we could put it on our web site, but they have never given it to us

Summary – Mr. Buechler stated that he was looking for content on the home and educational resource pages and the download page. Beginning next week they will start working first with Rob Shumowsky to get the interactive map and graphing capabilities finalized. Everybody is welcome to look at those sites.

Josh Goode (inaudible)

Mr. Buechler stated that they have currently implemented IDEM's leaking underground storage tanks, _____ sites and a couple of other sites like that IDEM currently has; he knows that there is a toxic release inventory database.

Josh Good (inaudible)

Mr. Buechler stated that if the GIS data exists they can include it; one of the key requirements is that there is metadata; the Indiana Geological Survey has got the data and before they will put it up and get it active he has to get the metadata to their standards. Please email him with any data. He asked if someone should be directed for the content.

Kent Ward (inaudible)

Mr. Buechler stated that this will continue to change and grow; there is a later topic about membership; if somebody has some membership information they can forward that to him and cut and paste it in.

Kent Ward (inaudible)

Mr. Buechler stated that Rob Shumowsky is happy to take the lead, but he doesn't feel that he can develop the content; things like membership information, if somebody has a document with membership information as an example, that could go to Rob and he could work with Rob to pair it down if it's too large.

Guide Lamp Trustee Projects - Update:

Mr. Wodrich stated that Dr. Tom Lauer is going to be at their next meeting, which is July 13, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. at the Anderson Public Library in the Miami Room. He will present his proposal for Mapping Biotic Integrity and Habitat Quality on the White River and its Tributaries and a guidance tool for the future use of the White River Basin. This will incorporate some GIS additional sampling to fill in any data gaps that they find; they will try and collect as much data as they can to put into this; it will be something good to add to this GIS project. They are trying to get an easement on the Blachley Nature Club in Hamilton County; Nick Heinzman at DNR is working on getting an appraisal ordered for that; Bob has been very diligent on behalf of SILTE working with Hamilton Southeastern and the Eller's for a facility to purchase between both of those properties approximately 77 acres that will be conservation property. The City of

Anderson's Planning and Parks Departments are working on trying to put together a proposal for their next meeting to expand the River Bend Park, which originally was referred to as the Price Property on the river near the Grandview Golf Course; this is an additional 20 acres to the 37 that they have already purchased and restored there. Madison County Soil and Water District is working on a couple of easements in Madison County and he believes that they are ready to move forward and close on Tom Highland's property; they will have a proposal for their July meeting on this. They are just about out of funds based on those new projects; there is approximately \$30,000.00 that is not spoken for at this point; if everything that is on the table ends up working out and getting approved by the Trustees officially; they don't have a whole lot of money and probably won't consider completely brand new proposals at this time.

Bill Savage (inaudible)

UWRWA Funding – Golf Outing:

Mr. Goode stated that at the end of their last meeting in Morgan County they decided on a golf outing to raise money. Since then Christopher Burke Engineering has offered up some of their time. Meg Anderson's primary function and background is with event planning and golf outings; she has planned and coordinated the biggest golf outing in the state of Indiana, which is Youth Links and several others; she knows how to do this so they offered that up if it is okay with the folks here, she will, from this point forward, put together a small committee of about three to five people and plan an outing for the Upper White; Bob has already thrown a few consultants in that were interested. Their recommendation was for September, but talking to Meg that was a little bit short notice and if it is possible to do this in early October, with all due respect to the potential for rain; in order to make it successful they will be pushing the envelope with September, as well as the fact that both IACT and AIC, a lot of the people that would be involved are going to be out of town for about a two week period, so October seemed to be the best with all due respect to a risk of weather. If that is alright Meg will proceed from this point forward; Sharon Kitchens with R W Armstrong, who also does a lot of Golf Outing planning up here for the Mayor of Noblesville, has agreed to be on her committee and they would separately meet for the next few months and get everything put together; they would have to come back to whomever is the Board to decide what the financial goal is; there was already a recommendation for Coffin Golf Course because it is on White River and apparently a pretty decent course.

Kent Ward (inaudible)

Meg Anderson (inaudible)

Mr. Goode stated that they were talking about honorary chairs and that type of thing; whoever is willing to do that; this can be further discussion elsewhere.

Stormwater Managers/Coordinators:

Mr. Thompson asked if the Upper White River Watershed Alliance Technical was a platform for MS4 coordinators or should they meet separately.

Wade Amos stated that he would put together a list of coordinators to add to the Technical Committee.

IDNR Permit – Berm on White River:

Mr. Ward stated that the last item discussed on this was Centre Properties wanting to fill in the 14 acres of wetland and floodplain. Now they have a gravel company coming in and wanting to put a 5,000-foot berm, levy, along the White River just north of Riverwood. The last on Centre

Properties the Board had sent out a letter at the Technical Committee's urging to IDNR asking them to deny the permit; he asked if the Technical Committee would like to request the same thing from the Board on this particular item; do they believe this is appropriate?

Bob Meyer (inaudible)

Mr. Ward stated that this was Teter Retreat; Teter Retreat is owned by the Methodist Church in Noblesville; Mrs. Teter willed her farm to the church and they created a very nice facility there; now they are wanting to sell the gravel and U S Aggregates has purchased the rights to the gravel; they are same folks that gave them the mess south of Noblesville; during the July 2003 floods that put two more feet of water in the south end of Noblesville. There is another gravel pit going in also, which is in Madison County just upstream from Perkinsville.

Wade Amos (inaudible)

Mr. Ward stated that downstream it would be Riverwood and Claire about half a mile south; from there upstream is the County Park on both sides of the river and on the other side of the river in one area, directly across from it. The Parks are also concerned because they are having some bad erosion problems now from the flooding they had in January.

Wade Amos (inaudible)

Mr. Ward stated that he does not know how successful the letter from the Board was in the past to IDNR, but it was killed at that particular point. They did send in, for the County, a request to put it into hearing and he got a letter back from IDNR, saying that the County did not qualify, but it doesn't hurt to send a letter.

Bob Meyer (inaudible)

Bob Meyer made a motion for the Upper White River Watershed Committee ask the Board to send a letter to IDNR opposing both applications, seconded by Bill Savage and approved unanimously.

Next Meeting Date:

The meeting was set for Thursday September 1, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in Noblesville.

Kenton C. Ward
Hamilton County Surveyor

Attest: _____
Executive Secretary