



Upper White River Watershed Alliance, Inc.

April 30, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM Thursday, April 30, 2009. Those present were as follows: Ms. Jill Hoffman, Empower Results; Ms. Kelly Levensgood, Empower Results; Mr. Crist Blassaras, Watershed Coordinator; Ms. Summer O'Brien, R. W. Armstrong; Ms. Amy Smith, J F New; Mr. Robert Thompson, Hamilton County Surveyor's Office; Ms. Judy DeLury; Ms. Gwen White, IDNR; Mr. John Hazlett, City of Indianapolis; Mr. Jon Eynon, IUPUI; Ms. Sheila McKinley, Christopher Burke Engineering; Mr. Trent Pell, City of Anderson; and Mr. Brian Neilson, EMH&T.

Recap of February Mtg. Record:

The Committee discussed the MS4 survey, the Central Indiana Workshop and went through the web projects. The logos were reviewed and two were selected and presented to the Board. We reviewed the web page layout and presented that to the Board and are filling out the content. The site map was reviewed.

UWRWA Updates:

The Regional Stormwater Survey has gone out to all the participating communities that started in February. The return rates look good. We've reached the desired 100 surveys back in each of the participating areas and are exceeding that. The fifth waive will be done in the high populated areas like Carmel, Fishers and Noblesville to get a higher return. This should be wrapped up in May and the results will be tallied through June. We have June elections coming up. The General Membership meeting for us is Tuesday June 9, 2009 at Veolia. The Nominating Committee has met and put together names. We are moving to a 13 member Board which will be elected by any paying members at that meeting.

Central Indiana SW Workshop Planning Update:

Thompson stated that we completed the 11th annual Central Indiana Workshop and are planning for next year. We've decided that although there were financial issues with the 2-day workshop the overall program was a success. We had good attendance. We'll do it again with a 2-day workshop with the focus for one day on contractors and those in the field and the second day on design, engineering, MS4s, etc. We'll probably need to raise fees in order to cover costs. There are a few people that have not paid yet. Any feedback should be forwarded to Jill (Hoffman) or me. We're probably looking at February to March for the next workshop. We'll start looking for sponsorships and give first priority to past sponsors.

Web Project Updates:

Statistics on Hits – Most people get to the webpage directly. Not many people search Upper White River Watershed Alliance and find it. A few people come through the whiteriveralliance.org page. That page is redirecting to this page.

Content – Content for the website, when ready to post, will be uploaded automatically when approved by Kelly (Levensgood).

Watershed Studies – A map has been created for the 319 related plans that have been done in the Upper White. A watershed priority map will be available later as part of the LARE Grant. The possibility of hiring an intern from Butler is being looked at to keyword search those studies.

Water Quality – We’re trying to work with River Watch to get all the monitored areas mapped and their approval to map them.

Page Assignments – Sheila (McKinley) is picking up the Rain Barrel page. Volunteers are needed for Environmentally Friendly Household Products page. We need someone to take over the agricultural page and somebody else to take the business owner page. SWCD has agricultural resources.

Crist (Blassaras) is to check on blurbs for the program and a flowchart.

O’Brien will work on the trails and public lands page.

McKinley will work on ‘group’ links (i.e. bird watching groups).

Potential new pages would be on the River Clean Up, CSO’s and legislative news.

BMP Selection Tool – Discussion (This section being handled by a sub-committee)

LARE Project Resources:

Static Maps – Please review these maps to see if everything has been covered.

Bibliography – Will be up soon.

Future Meetings:

Thompson stated that Lynette (Mosbaugh) has been taking minutes and unless we consistently have meetings here I’m not sure that it’s productive for her to take meeting minutes. It’s Kent’s (Ward) decision, but we need to make that choice.

Workshops:

Hoffman stated that workshops mentioned will be sent out via email that happen to be going on as part of some other initiatives that I’ve been working on. Stormwater workshops are coming up statewide and we’re working with Project WET on those. The one on the Upper White will be in Boone County in Zionsville. The Healthy Water/Healthy People workshop is coordinated with River Watch and the Upper White is sponsoring this. This workshop will be in Fishers at the Train Station; that too will be all hands on activities on how to talk to people about water borne public health problems.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date was tentatively set for Thursday July 9, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Kenton C. Ward, CFM
Hamilton County Surveyor

Attest: _____
Executive Secretary