

Wildcat Creek Watershed Alliance Board Meeting Minutes for August 28, 2008,  
at the Russiaville Public Library, Russiaville, Indiana

Board Members Present

Jack Rhoda, President  
Christian Chauret

Glen Boise

Joe O'Donnell

Board Members Absent

Keith Morgan, Vice President  
Rae Schnapp  
Tracie Bergin, Treasurer

Tony Bonaccorsi  
Richard Eaton  
John Maher

Wayne Williams  
Ralph Kirkpatrick

Others Present

Heather Buck, CBBEL

Linda Schmidt, IDEM

Welcome

Mr. Rhoda called the meeting to order at 6:35 P. M. He noted that the Board did not have a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

No action without a quorum.

Treasurer's Report

No report. Mr. Rhoda reported that Ms. Bergin had submitted her resignation. He asked Mr. Chauret to become the acting treasurer. Mr. Chauret agreed on an acting basis. Mr. Boise volunteered for contacting Ms. Bergin for transferring records.

Mr. Rhoda stated the Board had had several resignations of late. He read resignation letters from Keith Morgan, Tracie Bergin and Wayne Williams. Also, Mr. Rhoda stated he would contact Mr. Bonacoursi concerning his status.

Committee Reports

- A. By-Laws – Mr. Boise did not have anything to report other than sending out the current and the previous draft of the by-laws.
- B. Fund Raising – No report.
- C. Education – No report.

Old Business

- A. Little Wildcat Creek Implementation Grant – Ms. Buck reported the project was moving forward.
  - 1. The invoice to IDEM for compensating Bob McKean for his stream mitigation work on the Preserves at Bridgewater SD. property was submitted. She reported that InDOT was considering planting additional trees on in the same area as mitigation for the US 31 Freeway Project.
  - 2. In addition, She had contacted Bob Gollner, property owner to the west of the Jackson Morrow Park, about interesting him in conducting a mitigation project. He stated he was not interested at this time.

3. The Jackson Morrow Park Mitigation project was almost ready to go. The City of Kokomo needed to sign the contract with the contractor and hold the pre-construction conference. They will offer a workshop as training for the volunteers helping with construction.
  4. Ms. Buck stated the cost share program helping residents purchase and install Rain Barrels and Rain Gardens was proceeding. The program would pay 75% of the cost up to \$150 for rain barrels and up to \$2,000 for rain gardens with the resident paying the remainder. She noted that a similar project was underway along the Laramie Creek. She had notified the Howard County Master Gardeners, the Kokomo MS4 section and the Tipton SWCD of the project. Shad had two calls. She would prepare a news release and flyer to watershed residents.
  5. Ms. Buck suggested that CBBEL could update the Alliance's website pro-bono. They would post the Little Wildcat Creek projects. It was suggested that they post the watershed plans prepared by other groups.
  6. Ms. Buck reported that project local match was at 58%.
- B. Clinton County SWCD proposal
1. Mr. Rhoda reported sending our letter of support for their proposal.
  2. Mr. Rhoda reported that Leah Harden had volunteered to replace Wayne Williams on the Board.

#### New Business

- A. Letterhead – Mr. Rhoda noted that Mr. Maher had a neighbor who was a designer. He had asked the neighbor to prepare several letterhead suggestions. He had sent four ideas for the Board's consideration. The members discussed the suggestions. Their consensus was a suggestion with “Wildcat” in bold letters colored like a watershed map. However, they requested a sample using a solid green or blue for the “Wildcat”, increasing the font size for “Alliance”, and removing the telephone number.
- B. Coordinator Job Description – Mr. Rhoda reported that Ms. Gilbert and Mr. Chauret had prepared a description. Ms. Schmidt noted that IDEM was concerned with the sustainability of the Alliance. They suggested the Board seek another 319 program grant as seed money for hiring a coordinator and finding additional funding sources. Mr. Rhoda requested the Education Committee meet with Ms. Schmidt for preparing a sustainability plan for the Alliance.
- C. Nomination Committee – Mr. Rhoda recommended the Board establish a committee for finding new members for replacing the members who had resigned.

#### Next Meeting

The next Board Meeting was moved to September 18, 2008 at 6:30 PM in Russiaville instead of the 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### Adjournment

Mr. Rhoda adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Submitted respectfully by \_\_\_\_\_, Glen R. Boise, Acting Secretary