

Wildcat Creek Watershed Alliance Board Meeting
on July 16, 2009,
at the Russiaville Public Library

Board Members Present:

Jeff Phillips, President
Jack Rhoda

John Maher
Joe O'Donnell

Glen Boise
Mike Ward

Others Present:

- I. President Phillips called the meeting to order as 6:30 PM. He noted we did not have quorum. The Board would hear any reports until sufficient member arrived for a quorum.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Phillips stated that Mr. Chauret had reported that he had not made the banking signature changes yet. He had received one bill for the post office box rental. He had received a call from City of Kokomo that the check to them was not signed.
- IV. Committees Reports
 - A. Education – Mr. Rhoda reported that Ms. Brichford had spoken to Ms. Gilbert. Ms. Gilbert was interested in continuing as committee chair but had two children and a full time job. (Mr. Ward arrived forming a Board quorum.)
 - II. Approval of Minutes – Mr. Rhoda moved to approve the minutes for the June 18, 2009 meeting with correcting of members present. Mr. Maher seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- IV. continued
 - A. Fund Raising – Mr. Chauret had reported that he had sent out letters to several companies. He had not had any responses yet. Mr. Phillips reported that he had talked with a Purdue University professor with the Wabash Enhancement Corporation about funding from them. Mr. Maher reported that the expected transfer of the Kokomo Delphi Corporation operations to General Motors meant another potential funding source would be available.
 - B. Land Use – Mr. O'Donnell reported that the NRCS had stimulus funds grants available for purchasing flood easements. Several locations along the Wildcat Creek had been submitted. Only locations in southern Indiana had received funding. The easements would take farm land out of production and create wildlife areas.
- V. Old Business
 - A. The Clinton County 319 Grant was approved and awaiting signatures. The funding should become available in the Fall. The grant project would prepare a watershed management plan for the entire South Fork of the Wildcat Creek.
 - B. Mr. O'Donnell reported that the Wabash Enhancement Corporation may have technical assistance available. He stated that Ms. Sarah Peale was their coordinator. Mr. Rhoda volunteered to contact them. Mr. O'Donnell moved to approve Mr. Rhoda's contacting the Wabash Enhancement Corporation for technical assistance with preparing grant applications.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Mr. Boise suggested the Education Committee prepare a better Alliance booth for use at events. Mr. Phillips stated he would investigate preparing a Power Point presentation for Alliance presentations before potential funding groups.
 - B. Mr. Phillips stated we needed to look into future grant opportunities. He would contact Ms. Linda Schmidt, IDEM, about future opportunities.
- VII. Next Meeting – The next meeting will be on August 20, 2009 at the Russiaville Library.
- VIII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Glen R. Boise, Acting Secretary