

Wildcat Creek Watershed Alliance Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
for June 18, 2009 at the Russiaville Public Library

Board Member Present: Jack Rhoda Jeff Phillips Christian Chauret
 Mike Ward Sarah Brichford

Board Members Absent: Leah Harden Joe O'Donnell Michelle Gilbert

- I. Welcome: President Rhoda called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- II. Election of Officers: He stated the first order of business was election of officers. He opened the floor for nominations.
 - A. For President: Mr. Chauret nominated Mr. Phillips, motion seconded by Mr. Boise;
 - B. For Vice-President: Mr. Ward nominated Mr. Boise, motion seconded by Mr. Phillips;
 - C. For Secretary: Mr. Chauret nominated Ms. Brichford, motion seconded by Mr. Phillips;
 - D. For Treasurer: Ms. Brichford nominated Mr. Chauret, motion seconded by Mr. Ward. Mr. Chauret moved to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Ward. Mr. Rhoda called for a vote for electing the nominated officers. Motion passed.The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Rhoda for his long service as President of the Alliance.
Mr. Phillips requested Mr. Rhoda continue as meeting chair for the remainder of the meeting.
- III. Approval of Minutes for the April 23, 2009 meeting: Mr. Rhoda asked Mr. Boise to read the minutes. Mr. Boise read the minutes. Mr. Chauret moved to approve the minutes as written, motion seconded by Mr. Ward, and motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Chauret reported as follows:
 - A. He reminded the new officers that we will need to update the checking account signature card to replace the previous officers. He will make the necessary arrangements.
 - B. He reported that the Alliance's accountants, BCR CPA Group, had filed our 2008 taxes. He noted the fee was \$175.
 - C. He reported the checking account had a balance of \$8,469.07.
 - D. He reported the host for the website was charging \$14.97 for the next three months.
 - E. Mr. Boise moved to accept the treasurer's report, motion seconded by Mr. Ward, and motion passed.
- V. Committee Reports:
 - A. Education: Mr. Rhoda noted the chair was Ms. Gilbert. He wondered if she was interested in remaining the chair.
 - B. Fund Raising: Mr. Chauret reported sending a funding request to Duke Energy without any response. Mr. Ward suggested the timing was not good with the economy in poor shape. Mr. Phillips suggested that the North Central Health Care Study might be a possible funding source. He would contact them. Mr. Rhoda reported speaking with the Coordinator for NICHES. The Coordinator had recommended contacting individuals for donations. They tended to be more

supportive on a continuing basis. Mr. Ward suggested it was time for more presentations to service groups like the Rotary and others. Mr. Phillips suggested talking at the soil and water conservation districts annual meetings. Mr. Phillips noted that his office would have a booth at the Tippecanoe County Fair during July 18th through 25th, 2009. He would look into our sharing the booth. Mr. Boise was to deliver the booth to Mr. Phillips.

C. Land Use: Mr O'Donnell was not present.

VI. Old Business:

A. Clinton County 319 Grant: Ms. Harden was not present. She had reported that they were still waiting for a decision on funding from IDEM.

B. Website: Mr. Chauret reported he was still working on the website. It is up for visitors to see.

VII. New Business:

A. "Celebrate the Wildcat" report: Mr. Boise reported setting up the display at the event on June 6th at Adam's Mill. The weather was good though attendance appeared down. Mr. Rhoda and Mr. Chauret joined him at the display during the day. It was a worthwhile effort. Mr. Chauret reported having taken some pictures during the event which he had posted to the website. Mr. Rhoda suggested we needed a sign up sheet at future events for anyone interested in learning more about the Alliance.

VIII. Other Business:

A. Mr. Boise reported that InDOT had announced they had two projects for mitigating the impact of the US 31 Freeway construction on area waterways. One project would clear a large logjam on the Wildcat Creek near Jerome in Howard County. The other would remove non-native vegetation and plant native vegetation along the East Fork of the Little Wildcat Creek in the area of the Preserves at Bridgewater Subdivision near Kokomo. He reported that IDEM was proceeding with their Continental Steel Super-Fund Clean Up Project by filling the old Markland Quarry with clean dirt after cleaning out any contaminates they could find. They were helping the County Drainage Board by digging the dirt at the site for a new detention pond the Board is developing. He reported that the City of Kokomo had announced they had received approval for removing the Continental Steel Dam. It is in the area where IDEM had cleaned up sediments in the Wildcat Creek as part of their project.

B. Jack welcomed Mr. Phillips as the Alliance's President. Mr. Phillips noted he was hoping to increase the awareness of the Alliance among the public. We needed to recruit more members.

IX. Next Meeting: Mr. Rhoda stated that the meeting date had changed to the third Thursday of the month at Mr. Phillips request. He had reserved the library meeting room for the next three months. The next meeting would be on July 16, 2009 at the Russiaville Library.

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