

Wildcat Creek Watershed Alliance Board Meeting  
on January 22, 2009,  
at the Russiaville Public Library

Board Members Present:

Jack Rhoda, President	Jeff Phillips	Michelle Gilbert
Christian Chauret	Leah Harden	Glen Boise
Sarah Brichford	Joe O'Donnell	Mile Ward

Others Present:

Linda Schmidt

- I. President Rhoda called the meeting to order as 6:30 PM.
- II. Mr. Rhoda stated the first item was adding Ms. Brichford as a Board member, as discussed at the previous Board meeting. Mr. Chauret nominated Ms. Brichford to the Board of the WCWA; motion seconded by Mr. O'Donnell; motion passed. Mr. Rhoda reviewed the Board members. It has eleven (11) members with the appointment of Ms. Brichford of the thirteen (13) required by the Alliance's By-Laws. Mr. O'Donnell reported that Ms. Chandra Heihit from Madison County had expressed an interest in joining the Board.
- III. Approval of the Minutes for the December 13, 2008 Board Meeting – The members had found multiple corrections. Ms. Brichford moved to approve the minutes as corrected; motion seconded by Mr. Chauret; motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Chauret reported the Little Wildcat project funding and local match were in good shape. He reviewed the project status as of the end of 2008. He reviewed the bank account balance. It had \$3,565.20. The recent deposits of a Little Wildcat project payment and a contribution of \$1,000 from the Indiana – American Water Company would increase the balance to some \$5,565 net. Mr. O'Donnell moved to accept the treasurer's report; motion seconded by Ms. Harden; motion passed.
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. By-Laws – The WCWA By-Laws were amended at the last meeting. Mr. Boise presented a final copy of the adopted document. Mr. Rhoda and Mr. Boise signed it.
  - B. Fund Raising – Mr. Rhoda announced that Mr. Franklin had resigned with a letter Mr. Rhoda. Mr. Rhoda read the letter. He noted that we needed a chair for the fund raising committee. It is a crucial committee needed the Board's plan to fund a coordinator position.
  - C. Education – Mr. Chauret presented a flier which he and Ms. Gilbert had prepared for use during fund raising activities. Mr. Boise suggested printing it. Ms. Schmidt suggested printing a small quantity in case some revisions were needed in the future. Mr. O'Donnell volunteered to print a limited number of the fliers. The Board discussed the flier's format and use. Mr. Chauret suggested preparing a

cover letter. Mr. Brichford asked what the Alliance's strategy was. Mr. Chauret stated that the strategy was to raise some \$5,000 to \$10,000 for hiring a part time coordinator. Mr. Ward suggested building a contact list. He and Mr. Chauret volunteered for preparing an implementation plan for fund raising and a cover letter.

- D. Annual Meeting – Ms. Harden reported the committee had met and requested the Board recommend times and places for the meeting and possible speakers. Mr. Rhoda suggested the committee needed to make their recommendations to the Board. The Board discussed the meeting. It was suggested that mid-March would be a good date with holding the meeting in Kokomo at IU-K or in Frankfort. Mr. Chauret reminded the Board that three rain barrel workshops are planned in the Kokomo area.

#### VI. Old Business

- A. Little Wildcat Creek Implementation Project – Ms. Brichford reported the Little Wildcat Creek bank restoration activities went well. Many volunteers participated from several groups including the Wildcat Guardian's, Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Wildcat Creek Foundation, the Alliance and others.
- B. Clinton County SWCD 319 Grant – Mr. Rhoda stated the SWCD reported that IDEM had accepted the grant and had forwarded it to the EPA.
- C. Letterhead – Mr. Maher had not reported on progress.
- D. Strategic Plan – Mr. Rhoda asked the members refresh their memories on the planned 2009 events. He read the Mission Statement and Vision. He suggested they review the Strategies and the Timetable for 2009. It would help for preparing another 319 grant application and other activities.
- E. Website – Mr. Rhoda stated that the alliance's website needed updating. Mr. O'Donnell suggested we needed direct control of the website. Ms. Brichford and Mr. Chauret volunteered to investigate possible website sponsors.
- F. Land Use Committee – Mr. Rhoda stated it was time for reestablishing the committee. Ms. Brichford and Mr. O'Donnell volunteered to research what was needed.

#### VII. New Business

- A. Tele-Conference – Mr. Rhoda stated this was still one of his long term goals.
- B. Rain Barrel workshops – Ms. Buck, CBE-LL, was working on it.
- C. River Watch Workshop – Ms. Brichford stated the Wildcat Guardian's would hold a workshop at the Jackson-Morrow Park.

#### VIII. Other Business

- A. Mr. O'Donnell reported a new grant program from IDEM and EPA called C. A. R. E. Ms. Schmidt summarized the intent of the grant program. She suggested the WCWA may qualify. She noted the grant program had two (2) levels of planning and implementation. Up to \$90,000 for two (2) years was available for each grant. The Board reviewed the possibilities however it was noted the application deadline was too soon for our preparing an application. Mr. Boise stated he would forward the grant program information onto the City of Kokomo.
- B. Ms. Schmidt suggested the Alliance start preparing a 319 grant application for the

Fall call for applications. She encouraged starting now would save last minute problems. Mr. Boise and Ms. Brichford volunteered to look into it.

- IX. Action Summary – Mr. Rhoda reviewed what activities the Board members were to work on for the next Board meeting.
  - A. Ms. Gilbert and Mr. Chauret would complete their work on the fund raising flier.
  - B. Mr. O'Donnell would print some forty (40) to fifty (50) copies.
  - C. Mr. Chauret and Mr. Ward will prepare an implementation plan for fund raising and a cover letter.
  - D. Mr. Boise will forward the CARE grant information to Kokomo department heads and look into preparing a 319 grant application with Ms. Brichford.
- X. Next Meeting – The next meeting was set for February 26, 2009 at the Russiaville Public Library starting at 6:30 PM.
- XI. Adjournment – Mr. Rhoda adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glen R. Boise, Acting Secretary