



Nippersink Watershed Association

February 5, 2015

UNAPPROVED MINUTES of February 5, 2015 meeting

SUBJECT: Call to the meeting of the Directors of the Nippersink Watershed Association, Inc.,
Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at 7602 Hancock Drive, Wonder Lake, IL

- I Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM
- II Roll Call: Members Present:** Cindy Skrukud, Dennis Palys, Orrin Bangert, Tom Cooper, Dick Hilton, Mark Nichols
Watershed Manager: Randy Stowe
- III Minutes of November 6, 2014:** Approved unanimously on motion by Dennis Palys, second by Orrin Bangert.
- IV Treasurer's Report:** No Report
- V Communications**
 - A. Correspondence:** Hilton report on receipt of correspondence from Illinois Dept. of Revenue granting tax deferred status for 2014 on two parcels in Wonderview donated to the NWA.
 - B. Public Comments:** None (No public present)
 - C. Officers' Report:**

Acquisition of environmentally sensitive (ES) properties: Hilton reported that NWA has received 10 E.S. properties from Wonder Lake Residents. All parcels were obtained through the McHenry County Tax Sale conducted in 2014 and all are environmentally sensitive (either wetlands or buffer to wetlands) and located in the Wonder Lake subwatershed. All are subdivided lots within Wooded Shores, Oakwood Shores subdivisions in Wonder Lake and are identified by PINs as follows: 09-18-376-006, 007,008; 09-18-378-006; 09-18-382-003; 09-18-383-029; 09-18-452-007; & 09-18-456-001, 002, 003.
 - D. Watershed Manager's Report - Stowe**
 - 1. Pre 2015 Grant Cycle Projects: All outstanding 319 Grants are now closed out. IEPA is reviewing NWA submittals for the 2015 319 Grant cycle. The NWA is also seeking grants to fund watershed manager & improvement activities. Cindy Skrukud suggested using Members time as cost share/offset of total funding. Cindy also suggested developing a sign to post on properties that would identify them as NWA parcels for future restoration & enhancement.
- VI Committee Reports**
 - A. Fund Raising/Donations:** Hilton reported that the NWA has received additional donations in the amount of \$150.00 all of which have been or will be transferred to the MPOA in support of their ongoing dredging project, a project that is identified in the NWA Implementation Plan. Cindy Skrukud offered to develop a Nippersink Watershed Facebook page with a link to the NWA website and PayPal account.. All agreed to the idea.
- VII Unfinished Business**
 - A. Wonder Lake Dredging Project, status:** Hilton reported that the activities have been suspended for the winter and that the water in the SDF site has been drawn down so that inspections can be performed.
 - B. Donation Acknowledgements:** Orrin Bangert signed the donor acknowledgement letters & they will be mailed 2/6/15
 - C. Land Acquisition (Tax Sale Properties):** See Item V-C above.
 - D. 1/25/15 Workday-Wonder Lake:** Hilton reported that the NWA scheduled workday went as planned and 9 people worked for 2 ½ hours clearing teasel, buckthorn and other invasive plants. Four brush piles are now waiting for a match. Another workday will be scheduled for later in the Spring of 2015.
 - E. Liability Insurance For Workdays:** Hilton reported that an "event" policy was estimated to cost \$400.00. Cindy volunteered to have a waiver for review at the next meeting.
 - F. NWA Audit Report:** Hilton, Cooper & Stowe will supply auditor with required documents.
- VII New Business**
 - A. Strategies to address restoration/enhancement of NWA/ES properties:** The next workday will be scheduled for a date following the next meeting.

B. Cindy Skrukrud reported that the next Fox River Summit will be on March 20, 2015 and Randy Stowe will present information on the efforts to address natural resource issues in the Nippersink Watershed.

VIII Next Meeting: Next meeting is set for April 2, 2015 – 7:00 PM

IX Adjournment: On a Motion by Dennis Palys, Orrin Bangert second, meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

ASSIGNMENTS/TASKS

Randy Stowe: Documents to Accountant re audit report

Tom Cooper: Financial Documents to Accountant re audit report.

Bob Schell: Contact Boy Scouts re bluebird nesting boxes at the SDF site & volunteers for 4/2/15.

Dick Hilton: Documents to Accountant

Cindy Skrukrud: 1) Facebook Page, 2) Waiver for workdays