



# Nippersink Watershed Association

**November 5, 2015**

## **Unapproved Minutes**

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

**I Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by President Tom Cooper at 7:08 pm.

**II Roll Call - Establish Quorum:** Members Present, Tom Cooper, Orrin Bangert, Dick Hilton, Cindy Skrukud, Dennis Palys, Bob Schell, Mark Nichols.  
Watershed Manager - Randy Stowe

**III Approval of Minutes of September 3, 2015:** Action suspended to next meeting.

**IV Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer reported balance on hand of \$1,300.00

### **V Communications**

A. Correspondence: None

B. Public Comments: None

C. Officers' Report: None

D. Watershed Manager's Report – Stowe reported that the 2015 319 Grant for work on the Shaw property, upstream of Wonder Lake was progressing. The 2016 319 Grants have been submitted and are under IEPA review.

**VI Committee Reports:** Fund Raising/Donations; Following discussion Dennis Palys volunteered to gather information regarding marketing products that would carry the name “Nippersink” and to report back at the next meeting. It was also suggested that the Board consider setting up a membership structure.

### **VII Unfinished Business:**

Tom Cooper reported that the Wonder Lake dredging Project will continue into 2016 and that they are currently dredging the area along the east side of the lake in the area labeled O'Brien Shoals.

The 2016 McHenry County Tax Sale (Wonderview Lots/Wetland Area). Two lots were up for bid, one will be acquired by the NWA, the other was purchased by a non-resident who is interested in creating a conservation easement on the property.

Proposed next Workday - Wonder Lake: Following discussion, the Board set Saturday, January 9, 2016 as the next work day on NWA owned properties in Wonder Lake.

Strategies to address restoration/enhancement of ES properties: It was suggested that future NWA restoration efforts focus on the Wonderview wetland lots, as they have the most potential for enhancement and maintenance.

Richmond Township Adopt A Road Program: Cindy Skrukud reported on the program. Following discussion a Motion by Dennis Palys and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Schell that the Board participates in the Township's Adopt A Road Program for Pioneer Road, between Harts Rd. and W. Solon Rd. was approved by all present.

### **VII New Business:**

Wetland Lot at E. Lake Shore Dr. & Deep Springs Rd. was discussed and the Board concluded that they would support acquisition by the Wonder Lake MPOA.

### **Additions to the Agenda under New Business:**

Spring Cleanup Downstream of Wonder Lake: Randy suggested that the Board target an area downstream of Wonder Lake for a cleanup in 2016. He will talk with IEPA about a possible SCALE grant to assist in funding.

Hackmatack Conservation Priorities Plan: Following discussion Cindy Skrukud made Motion that the Board approve submitting a request to the Friends of Hackmatack to include the NWA into future Hackmatack partnership efforts. Motion was approved by all present on a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Orrin Bangert.

MCCD Conservation Congress Scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016: Following discussion Dick Hilton nominated Randy Stowe to represent the NWA on the Congress and the Orrin Bangert be appointed the Alternate. Motion approved by all present following a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Skrukud.

**VIII Next Meeting: January 7 at 7:00 pm in the MPOA Office, 7602 Hancock Dr., Wonder Lake.**

**IX Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn by Orrin Bangert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Palys at 8:23 pm.