



Nippersink Watershed Association

April 7, 2016

Minutes

SUBJECT: Minutes of the meeting of the Directors of the Nippersink Watershed Association, Inc., on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at 7602 Hancock Drive, Wonder Lake, IL

- I. Call to order:** President Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- II. Roll Call Members Present:** Bob Schell Cindy Skrukud, Dennis Palys, Mark Nichols, Orrin Bangert, President Tom Cooper, Secretary Dick Hilton.
Also present: Watershed Manager Randy Stowe & Elizabeth Beunaiche (WI White River Trail)
- III. Approval of Minutes of February 4, 2016:** Motion to approve by Orrin Bangert, 2nd by Cindy Skrukud. Motion approved by unanimous vote of all present.
- IV. Treasurer's Report:** Total assets - \$1,742.61 (Fixed Assets \$650.00, Cash on Hand \$1092.61)
- V. Communications:**
 - Correspondence: None
 - Public Comments: None
 - Officers' Report: None
 - Watershed Manager's Report - Stowe
 - 2015 EPA 319 Section Grants, Randy Stowe updated the board on the status of the Shaw property grant-construction to start late summer of 2016.
 - 2016 EPA 319 Section Grants-still waiting on written confirmation of status of grants that are currently still under review.
 - Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant – Submitted March 4, 2016. **Motion by Bob schell, 2nd by Cindy Skrukud to commit \$10,000 cost share, payable over 3 years-passed by unanimous vote of all present.**
 - Hackmatack / NWA Collaboration-Watershed Plan pending Healthy Watersheds Grant approval.
 - Proposed NWA Stream Clean-up – Downstream of Wonder Lake Dam set for 5/7/16, rain date 5/14/16.
 - USF&WL Milkweed / Nectar Plants-Cindy Skrukud & Nancy Williamson to coordinate availability of plants for planting mid to late May.
 - Partnership-Hackmatack Land Protection Plan – **Motion by Cindy Skrukud, 2nd by Bob Schell to commit NWA to partner with Friends of Hackmatack in developing plan – passed by unanimous vote of all present.**
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - Fund Raising / Donations / Membership Structure – Hilton presented a summary of proposed strategic plan that will support the NWA Mission Statement and potential funding opportunities that may finance projects.
 - Nippersink Marketing Opportunities - Palys presented a “T” shirt design to use as a fundraising resource.
 - Adopt-A-Road Program – No report
 - Hackmatack Conservation Priorities Plan
- VII. Unfinished Business**
 - NWA Land Holdings – Conservation Easements. Hilton presented research findings on easement agreements that indicated that agreements are mostly specific to individual properties and owner desires. Templates appears to be not feasible.
 - Wonderview Wetland Project Update – Possible site for nectar producing plants to promote greater butterfly populations. Strategies to address restoration efforts on April 30th Workday.

VII New Business

NWA Facebook Page – Cindy Skrukud reported Nippersink Facebook page is up and running – she will post pictures as they are received and further refine page.

Collaboration of McHenry County Watershed Committees – Cindy Skrukud reported that the group is encouraging County to establish a water resource position as called for in the County's Land Use Plan. The position could also assist watershed committees in developing strategies to address nutrient pollution, a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The group also supports the Fox River Implementation Plan, no phosphorus, no coal tar and promote activities designed to improve monarch butterfly population.

MCCF 2016 Peddle, Paddle, Saddle – (\$150.00 Donation in 2015). **Motion by Dennis Palys, 2nd by Mark Nichols to donate \$150.00 to Foundation in support of their planned event. Passed by unanimous vote of all present.**

VIII. Next Meeting: June 2, 2016, same time and place.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned on motion by Dennis Palys, 2nd by Orrin Bangert-all in favor.