



# Nippersink Watershed Association

## MINUTES

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the meeting of the Directors of the Nippersink Watershed Association, Inc., Thursday, July 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 - Establish Quorum:** Members Present – Bob Schell, Dennis Palys, Treasurer Orrin Bangert, President Tom Cooper, Secretary Dick Hilton, Watershed Manager Randy Stowe. Also present, Sandy Bialek.
- III Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2016:** On a Motion by Dennis Palys, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Orrin Bangert, Minutes approved as presented.
- IV Treasurer's Report: No report**
- V Communications**
  - A. Correspondence: None
  - B. Public Comments: Sandra Bialek was introduced and welcomed, she described an interest in establishing a conservation easement and enhancing a stream corridor on a Nippersink tributary that runs through the farm property she manages.
  - C. Officers' Report: No Report
  - D. Watershed Manager's Report - Stowe
    1. 2015, 2016 & 2017 EPA 319 Section Grant Updates: Randy Stowe reported that the Shaw property (2015 grant) is still waiting for the final required permit from McHenry County P & D, that will allow the project to move forward. 2016 grants totaling greater than \$800,000 - Randy is working with grant partners so NWA can complete contract with IEPA. 2017 grant cycle-applications due 8/1/16 and Randy is working to secure qualifying projects.
    2. Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant – Update: No report
    3. Hackmatack / NWA Collaboration - Watershed Plan Update
    4. USF&WL Milkweed / Nectar Plants - WL, Strom Island/Wonderview-update: Mark Nichols reported that 11 people volunteered 3 hours of time each and planted 150 plants on Strom Island in Wonder Lake. **(SEE ATTACHED ADENDUM)** An additional 2 people worked to plant nectar producing plants on NWA property in the Wonderview subdivision.
    7. Partnership-Hackmatack Land Protection Plan-update: No Report
    8. Clean-up, WL Dam to Canoe Landing at Barnard Mill Rd.: 4 people volunteered 4 hours traversing the Nippersink Creek from the Wonder Lake Dam to the MCCD Canoe Landing at Barnard Mill Rd., Collecting trash and construction material that filled one canoe and 2 kayaks.
- VI Committee Reports**
  - A. Fund Raising / Donations / Membership Structure: Hilton and the Directors are considering a membership fee schedule and Cindy Skrukrud is working to complete a membership brochure. Hilton will compile a list of potential business / large riparian landowner sponsors located within the watershed.
  - B. Nippersink Marketing Opportunities: Dennis Palys announced that he now has a vinyl cutting machine that can be used to produce signage and that he also has the ability to produce Nippersink oriented "T" shirts.

- C. Adopt-A-Road Program: No Report
- D. Hackmatack Conservation Priorities Plan: No Report

**VII Unfinished Business**

- A. NWA Land Holdings – Conservation Easements: Hilton reported that there are properties included in the McHenry County Tax Sale and that bids are due no later than 8/5/16.
  - 1. Wonderview Wetland Project: Burns have been completed and wet and dry land plants have been placed in appropriate locations.
- B. NWA Facebook Page Update: Nippersink Watershed Facebook page is up and running. <https://www.facebook.com/Nippersink-Watershed-Association-999477696785594/> Cindy Skrukrud is looking for pictures / news to post on the site.

**VII New Business**

- A. McHenry County Water Resource Position, P & D Dept.: The McHenry County Board P&D Committee voted 4:1 to hire a new water resource specialist position. The County Finance Committee is the next to consider the resolution.

**VIII Next Meeting: August 4, 2016**

- IX Adjournment:** On a Motion by Hilton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Orrin Bangert the meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM

**ADENDEM TO MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2016**

Island Restoration Committee Report for July 6, 2016 SC meeting

Mark Nichols – Chairman

Committee members

Tony Musel

Dennis Gallo

Ken Shaleen

**ISLAND RESTORATION**

Restoration work continues on the north island.

On June 1 Dennis Gallo burned the brush that remained from the last cutting of the invasive plants.

On June 4<sup>th</sup> Eleven (11) people, including Four (4) Sportsman Club members planted over 100 native plants. Work started at 9 am and was completed about 12:00 pm with lunch served. It rained during the last hour of work and during lunch. The volunteers on the island represented the following groups;

WL Ski Team

Chicago Fish and Wildlife

Department of Natural resources

WL Sportsman Club

Nippersink Watershed Association

Friends of Hackmatack

WL Residents

WL MPOA

Illinois Sierra Club

The volunteers were;

Christyn Gaskell

Preston Skultety

Ken Shaleen

Steven Byers

Kelly Nelson

Tony Musel

Nancy Williamson

Randy Stowe

Dennis Gallo

Mark Nichols

Brian Verdina

On June 21st Six (6) people, including Three (3) Sportsman Club members planted over 100 native plants. Work started at 6 pm and was completed about 8:00 pm. These plants were part of a grant to protect and promote the habitat for Monarch Butterflies. The volunteers were;

Preston Skultety

Tony Musel

Randy Stowe

Dennis Gallo

Mark Nichols

Cindy Skrukud

Committee Time 3/12/2016

Approximately 165 hours of volunteer work has been completed on the north island.