

SRWC Steering Committee Meeting

June 5, 2008 – WSOS Brady Bldg., 3rd Floor Conf. Room, Fremont, OH

Present: Chris Schimpf, Cindy Brookes, John Crumrine, Katie McKibben, Lee Orians, Kristin Woodall, Kate Siefert, Bob Vargo, Joe Perry, Stu Smith, Jim Bailey

Welcome: Chris Schimpf – called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: Bob Vargo noted a correction to the May 2008 meeting minutes that the first sentence under New Business should state, “Scenic Rivers has authority over publicly funded projects of a scenic river...” Jim Bailey moved to accept the May minutes as amended, John Crumrine seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Ag – Cindy Brookes - Cindy reported that contracts for the time extension were sent to Crawford SWCD and NCWQR for signatures. Mike Hall has been promoting in their newsletters. John Crumrine reported that Cindy completed a brochure for the GLPF grant and the Soil Test Protocol meeting has been set for June 24th for fertilizer dealers and consultants. John also shared that for the Target watershed Nutrient Management Specialist position 11 application have been received with interviews to be scheduled and hopes to hire someone by mid to late June.

Development Committee – Jim Bailey - July 10th is the next committee mtg. at WSOS Brady 3rd Floor Conference Room. On August 23rd there will be a Membership Meeting at the Winous Point Hunt club.

Stream Flow & Habitat – John Crumrine – On behalf of Heidelberg and the Sandusky River Watershed Coalition, Dr. Baker is meeting in Washington D.C. to hopefully get some funding for the Watershed. The committee is working with county ditch maintenance departments on a stream recovery project that to study the recovery after maintenance. The SWCD’s are making the initial contact with homeowners to see if they are interested and willing to allow access to the ditches. The study will include sampling for fish and macroinvertebrates to compare recently dipped ditches to those that were dipped 10 years ago and never dipped. This study will be in the Honey Creek Watershed and outside of the Targeted Watershed.

Wastewater – Kate Siefert– The next meeting will be June 25th at the Seneca County Health Department to discuss the Medication Take Back grant.

Water Supply – Stu Smith – They are having a seminar on Source Water Protection with the OEPA that will allow participants to leave the seminar with a written Source Water Protection Plan. Participating cities include Bellevue, Bucyrus, Clyde and Fremont.

Education – Cindy Brookes – The DVD should be back any time and hopefully it should be finalized and available for viewing at one of the upcoming meetings. The committee is still looking for a co-chair.

Staff Report – Cindy Brookes – distributed. At the May 16-17 meeting in Dearborn, MI, Scots gave a presentation and reported they will be taking phosphorous out of their fertilizers. Cindy will be attending one hour meetings for each of the River Clean Sweeps. The Sandusky County Clean Sweep was June 2nd and was attended by approximately 40 people. The HSTS 319 grant closed out in May. Cindy is trying to reschedule meetings to hold a logjam tour in Wyandot County with elected officials. Cindy is meeting with Steve Davis (NRCS) regarding the Rapid Watershed Assessment requirement of tillage transects 2/year to determine the needs of the watershed and to lobby for funds.

Old Business

American Water Environmental Grant Check Presentation – Chris S. & Cindy accepted the \$6,100 award on behalf of the SRWC to be utilized towards the Medication Take Back program that will promote and educate the public about proper disposal of unused/expired medications to prevent them from entering the water supplies.

Annual Review Report – The annual review was June 3, 2008 led by Matt Adkins and attended by Joe Perry, Matt Adkins, Cindy Brookes, John Crumrine, Bob Vargo, Tim Kwiatkowski, Deb Martin, Robert McCall, Katie McKibben, and Jocelyn Henderson.

River Clean Sweep Updates – The Crawford County Clean Sweep will be in September, the Sandusky County Clean Sweep was June 2nd, and the Seneca County Clean Sweep will be August 16th.

Annual Meeting Date – Proposed for sometime during the second half of September and will most likely be a Tiffin location.

New Business

Steering Committee Make-Up – If no one is elected to fill a seat, the steering committee can appoint to fill those seats. There are 10 seats up and 3 of those are at the six year term maximum. There was a discussion on reorganizing the Steering Committee and condensing the committees from 6 to 3. Chris Schimpf appointed a reorganizing committee to discuss this option. The reorganizing committee will consist of Jim Bailey (Chair), John Crumrine, Stu Smith, Bob Vargo and Chris Schimpf. This committee will meet July 23rd at 7:00 at Gar-Lo.

Strategic Plan Goals for 2008-2009 – It is time to review the goals again.

Letter of Support for Wiki Map – Information had been sent out prior to the meeting. Jim Bailey made a motion to send a letter of support, Stu Smith seconded. All present voted in favor. Cindy had received one yes vote and one no vote by email prior to the meeting. Motion carried.

Announcements

Healthy Lakes Health Lives Great Lakes Festival June 19-21, Toledo

Leading Cooperative Efforts, June 24th, Columbus

Meeting adjourned to an enjoyable boat tour of the Sandusky River departing from the dock at the Tackle Box II restaurant in Fremont and enjoyed a trip of approximately 7 miles downstream to Riverfront Marina before returning.

-notes submitted by Kate Siefert