

## **SRWC Steering Committee Meeting**

**August 6, 2008 – Seneca Ag. Center, Tiffin, OH**

Present: Bob Vargo, Cindy Brookes, John Crumrine, Katie McKibben, Lee Orians, Ann Bishop, Kate Siefert, Joe Perry, Jim Bailey, Jocelyn Henderson

**Welcome:** Joe Perry – called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of Minutes:** Bob Vargo noted a correction to the June 2008 meeting minutes that the Development Committee report was given by Jim Bailey, not Bob Vargo. Jim Bailey moved to accept the June minutes as amended, Bob Vargo seconded the motion. All present and 3 emails voted in favor.

### **Committee Reports**

**Ag** – no report.

**Development Committee** – Cindy Brookes - August 23rd is the date for the Hidden Treasures Membership Meeting that starts at 7:30am at Winous Point Hunt club with bird banding and then travels to Green Creek Hunt Club for lunch and two speakers/presentations. Thanks to Tom Kashmer, who has coordinated the entire event. The lunch costs \$9.00 (cash only, please) and needs to have RSVP's by August 15<sup>th</sup> (Cindy has received 6 RSVP's as of August 6<sup>th</sup>).

**Stream Flow & Habitat** – no report

**Wastewater** – Kate Siefert– The next meeting will be August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Tiffin Wastewater Treatment Plant to discuss the progress of the Medication Disposal Grant and to discuss the reorganization of the committee since Kate's term will expire soon.

**Water Supply** – Cindy Brookes – On August 26<sup>th</sup> they will be having the 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop for completing stormwater plans. The cities participating in the workshop are: Fremont, Clyde, Bellevue & Bucyrus.

**Education** – Cindy Brookes – The Educational DVD was viewed by all present. The DVD is geared towards 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Everyone present had positive comments regarding the DVD but there were suggestions to possibly slow (or create pauses) in the narration at times.

**Staff Report** – Cindy Brookes – distributed. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at Franciscan Earth Literacy Center in Tiffin from 6:00-9:00pm and includes a meal. Jim Pry will be the speaker. The Crawford County Clean Sweep will be a joint effort with the other Watersheds since they are a headwaters county and there will be groups participating in the Galion area as well as Bucyrus. Kurt Weaver's hog farm (Seneca County) will be scheduled for a tour and presentation sometime in October.

### **Old Business**

**2. Restructuring Report** – Jim Bailey – The appointed group met and discussed changing the structure from six to three committees. A proposed SRWC Committee Reorganization plan was distributed for review. Jim Bailey made a motion to approve the proposed reorganization plan to take it to the membership at the Annual Meeting for a vote. John Crumrine seconded the motion. Discussion began in which it was discussed that the proposed committee "Land Use and Management" that would comprise of both the former Agriculture and Stream Flow & Habitat committees would be better named "Land Use and Resource Management" as suggested by Katie McKibben. Jim Bailey made a motion to amend his first motion to be that we approve the proposed reorganization plan with the name change of that committee to "Land Use and Resource Management." John Crumrine seconded the amended motion. All present and 3 emails voted in favor.

**Strategic Plan Annual Goals** – Cindy – After reviewing last year's goals, we had completed 85% of the goals. We need to draft goals for this upcoming year. Jim Bailey suggested that after the restructuring of the committees there should be a meeting with the steering committee to set up the next year's goals.

**River Clean Sweep Updates** – Cindy – Seneca County River Clean Sweep is August 16<sup>th</sup>. The City of Tiffin is very involved and the Mayor will be helping. The Mayor and the County Commissioners have made proclamations to declare it “River Clean Sweep Day.” The Crawford County River Clean Sweep is September 13<sup>th</sup> and involves more than one watershed. **Annual Meeting** – Cindy – The Annual Meeting is set for September 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-9:00pm at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center in Tiffin with a meal and Jim Pry is the guest speaker.

## **New Business**

**Steering Committee Nominations** – The following people are serving terms that are up: Jim Naus, Joe Perry, Jim Bailey (resigning), Dr. Dave Baker, Kate Siefert, Vacant Crawford County Seat (has a one year term left), Chris Schimpf, Ann Bishop, and the Education committee. John Crumrine stated he is willing to be on the nominations committee but does not want to serve as chair. Bob Vargo has submitted some names already and is willing to serve as chair of the nominating committee. Joe Perry will also serve on the committee. The group will need names submitted by the next steering committee meeting.

**Outstanding Service Awards** - The steering committee was asked to nominate individuals to be awarded at the Annual Meeting. The steering committee nominated Tom Kashmer, Anne Coburn-Griffis, and Chris Schimpf. Cindy will send out an email request to get a vote on the nominations.

**3. Implementation Report** – Distributed. Inputs are needed by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**4. USDA-CREES – SR Tiffin Outreach & Education Draft Plan** – Distributed. The survey results were targeted to the Rock Creek WS. The three proposed focuses of practices are: Cover Crops, Regular Soil Tests to determine Nutrient Requirements, Buffer Strips/ Filter Strips/ Waterways. We are being asked as a watershed to agree with these practices as part of the education and outreach to focus on. John Crumrine made a motion to approve the draft plan as items we need to focus on. Lee Orians seconded the motion. All present and 3 email voted in favor.

## **Other/Announcements**

Bob Vargo gave an update on the state of the Scenic Rivers Program – it is financially on its deathbed financially. It is anticipated that if the November lobbying is unsuccessful that the DNAP & Scenic Rivers will end by next June. Also, they did not get support for the grant for extending Scenic River designation in Wyandot County.

The Sandusky County SWCD Annual Meeting will be 8/14/08 at their office. Food is provided.

Meeting adjourned.

Bob Vargo was this month’s raffle winner.

-notes submitted by Kate Siefert