

SRWC Steering Committee Meeting

October 2, 2008 – Seneca Ag. Center, Tiffin, OH

Present: Cindy Brookes, Chris Schimpf, Bob Vargo, John Crumrine, Dwight Clary, Stu Smith, Lee Orians, Ann Bishop, Bret Margraf, Dr. David Baker, Kate Siefert, Joe Perry, Tia Rice

Welcome: Chris Schimpf – called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: Joe Perry made a motion to approve the September minutes, Lee Orians seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Committee Reports

Ag – no report

Development Committee – no report

Stream Flow & Habitat – Dr. Baker shared that the GLPF Grant reported an increase in interest due in part to Bret Margraf's efforts of promoting the program and the soil testing. John Crumrine suggested utilizing Farm Bureau and Dwight Clary shared that their meetings are the 1st Thursday night of the month with no meeting in October.

Wastewater – Cindy reported that the Medication Collection dates are October 8th, October 11th, and October 18th.

Water Supply – no report.

Education – no report.

Staff Report – Cindy Brookes – distributed. Matching reports are due to Cindy by 10/10/08. The NFWF Grant (cover crops in Upper Broken Sword) currently has 4 applications – the grant was written for up to 10 applications. An intern is working on the website (approximately 15 hours) and hopes to have it updated and ready by November 1st. The Crawford County Clean Sweep was cancelled on Sept. 13th due to weather. Cindy hosted a stop on Seneca SWCD 6th grade Conservation Tour at Miller Farms. Assisted Katie McKibben with water sampling as a follow-up of the HSTS grant. Working with Dwight & Lisa Clary on finding grant funding for the Sediment Trap Project.

Old Business

Annual Meeting Report/Nominations for Vacancies – Bob Vargo nominated Joe Perry for the Sandusky County Seat and Kate Siefert for the Crawford County Seat. John Crumrine seconded the motion. Stu Smith moved to close the nomination, Ann Bishop seconded. All in favor, both motions carried. Joe Perry nominated Dwight Clary for the At Large #3 Seat to replace Holly Gates for the remaining 1 year term. John seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The At Large #6 Seat remains vacant.

319 Grant Application Update – Cindy – Distributed concepts/proposal. Stu Smith made a motion to accept and submit the 319 Grant Concept Paper. John Crumrine seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Map of the Sandusky River Watershed – A map of the watershed is now hanging in the conference room for reference during meetings.

New Business

Election of Officers for 2008-2009 – Lee Orians nominated Joe Perry for Chair person. Stu Smith seconded the nomination. Dwight Clary made a motion to close nominations. Lee Orians seconded. All in favor, motions carried. Chris Schimpf made a motion to nominate Lee Orians as Vice-Chair, John Crumrine seconded. John Crumrine made a motion to close nominations, Chris Schimpf seconded. All in favor, motions carried. Bob Vargo made a motion to nominate Kate Siefert as Secretary. Stu Smith seconded the motion. Chris Schimpf made a motion to close nominations, Stu Smith seconded the motion. All in favor, motions carried. Bob Vargo made a motion to nominate John Crumrine for Treasurer. Chris Schimpf

seconded the nomination. Lee Orians made a motion to close nominations, Ann Bishop seconded the motion to close nominations. All in favor, motions carried.

Eastern Coal Regional Roundtable Conference invitation – This is a free conference November 17-19 that is a workshop on fundraising with no expenses. Cindy will be attending as will Bre Hohman.

Watershed Coordinator Future Funding – budget report distributed. We will not be eligible for another ODNR Coordinator Grant. Joe Perry asked, “Will there be any increase in membership revenue from the work of the development committee? And are there any other ideas for obtaining revenue?” John & Dr. Baker discussed grant possibilities. Dr. Baker commented that others are capitalizing on the work done in the Sandusky River Watershed – OSU has a 4.5 million dollar grant to review historical data on the Sandusky Bay algal blooms. We can still pursue pushing the Sandusky River Watershed as a research resource and that a part of all monies come back to the SRWC. Joe Perry suggested that Cindy attends a Friends of the Pipe Creek monthly meeting with their homeowners association.

Group Photo – a group photo of the Steering Committee members was taken

Other/Announcements

The next meeting will be December 4th, 8:00am at the Seneca Co. Ag. Center, Tiffin, OH

Meeting adjourned.

-notes submitted by Kate Siefert