

RCP Board Meeting 8/26/09

Attendance: Amy Mackey, Qian Zhang, Amber Brookins, Rina Caldwell, Jen Bowman, Constance White, Molly Gurien, Rocky McNickle, Heike Perko, Mike Schooley;

Treasurer Report:

General Fund: 2411.00

Division of Wildlife Grant: 5008.93

Gosnell Fund was used up for Propane and Furnace Servicing, 230.00 dollars left over from camp were used to pay utilities;

Rough Budget for offices at waterloo:

Monthly: 50.00 electric, 50.00 phone and DSL

Annual: Propane 1000.00 and money to service equipment and repairs

We should budget 3000.00 dollars per year to run waterloo

Waterloo Committee:

Camp went well, the cost of the suggested donation covered all and left some money 230.00 in the general fund.

Ideas for next year: raise suggested donation or have a sliding scale, work with the community food initiative to get food donations, recruit more volunteers through youth groups and the community, look into transportation issues – move campers around for day trips, future programming should hit the watershed issues harder, advertise more public events;

Water Quality Specialist:

All Watersheds helped with Sunday and Monday Creek mass balance, mass collection of data and it went well and was very productive;

Hewett Fork sampling is coming up in the next two weeks, contact Amy if you are interested;

Wellston September 29th sediment sample at Lake Latrobe, first sediment sampling done in the watershed;

Still evaluating macroinvertebrates at waterloo using our equipment;

RC&D still happy, would like to make Raccoon Creek their focus project for 2009/10, more details later after Amy meets with them;

ODNR East Branch Phase I slag beds evaluation is going on, digging up and taking a look why it is not working before starting on phase II

Amy submitted annual report to file;

Parade of the Hills went okay, not much contact with the public due to weather and the location of the booth;

Rina and Amy will go to OWLS conference and represent RCP next week;

Vinton County SWCD dinner October 8th at 6:30 in the SWCD building 5/person

Raccoon Creek Water Trails:

Looking for volunteers to sign up for Paw Paw festival September 19th and 20th, contact Molly if you are interested;

October 17th floating South Gallia County all the way to the Ohio River, information can be found on the website;

All access points have been identified and now letters are being sent to landowners to ask for permission to access points as well as identify landowners who are interested in the program;

Constance suggested to send letters to local administrators to let them know about the effort and they will hopefully promote the idea, she will send a mailing list to Molly with administrators names and mailing information;

RCWTA is interested in linking to our website to save some money, board said no problem, Amy and Molly will talk about the technical aspects;

Rina Caldwell – Americorp

Completed all required trainings, she is going to the OWLS conference with Amy;

Jen suggested for Rina to come over and look through yard sale items from her mother in laws estate for use at waterloo;

Qian – ODNR DMRM Intern

Finished Hewett Fork Report and is linking our data to the EPA Clearing House website, which is a Clearing House page to identify watersheds mitigation projects can be executed in;

Finalizing the Watershed Action Plan;

Jen Bowman – Watershed Coordinator News

Has been contacted by a group of Masters of Public Administration students who would like to develop a fundraising plan, link it to our mission and execute it, this project is supported through Voinovich;

Alan Reese NRCS Vinton ad Jackson County is part of the cooperative conservation partnership initiative and he wants to work more closely with Raccoon Creek to encourage more watershed based projects, since the traditional use has been agriculturally and forestry projects, more information will follow during future meetings on this possible collaboration;

Pierce Run – Construction will start soon, final meeting is this coming week, still plan to be finished with the construction by December, monitoring will start in January, chemical and biological for 5 years;

Coordinator Grant, Voinovich is still matching the money, Jen is working on the proposal, the 3 year budget and the work plan along with the watershed plan, hopefully the position will be filled by January 2010;

Mike Schooley suggested to send a letter to Mitch Farley for his continued support, Rina said she would do it;

Jen will attend SE Ohio Watershed groups looking into combining – interlinking websites for the Appalachian region;

Annual Meeting:

November 8th 3 p.m.

Amy will send postcards to all members and administrators, Voinovich, Sean Logan; Potluck Style, Silent Auction items will be collected and Amy and Jen will come up with a power point;

Newsletter:

Rina needs info by September 6th

Heike – camp

Jen – biology ph maps, past and present maps

Rina- critter fact sheet

Molly – rcwta

Goals for 2010

Other Business:

Jen will check out situation regarding office at Vinton swcd and the continued use of the equipment;

Poker Run:

Credit union will donate door prizes, Heike will check on pork prices, Amber will check with King, Rocky will check pork at his store;

Cash prizes will be lower compared to last year: 50, 100, 200;

Jen will check with Jeremy if they want to donate rolls;

Next Meeting: September 30th 6:30 p.m. Waterloo Aquatic Education Center