

Raccoon Creek Partnership  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Room 214, Building 22, the Ridges

**Attendance:** Rocky McNickle, Dick Hogan, Monte Edwards, Kara Walton, Sarah Landers, Molly Gurien, Amy Mackey, Amber Brookins, Maddie Brookins, Brian Blair, Lulie Blair, Natalie Kruse, Heike Perko, Tim Ferrell

**Treasures Report (Amber Brookins):** RCP general funds = \$4,624.02; DOW Grant = \$2,071.32; RCWTA = \$1,285.79; Total RCP Account as of 3/30/11 = \$7,981.13; total disbursements from 2/23/11 to 3/30/11 = \$1,259.20

**Coordinator Report (Amy Mackey):** The EPA scrap tire removal project has removed 28,000 tires from the Raccoon Creek watershed in past 6 months. Went with Pete Thompson of EPA to the Broken Arrow area where the Flint Run and Lake Milton projects are and an estimate of 600 plus tires are in the Broken arrow area. Working with land owners, Department of Wildlife and Buckeye Mining Company to come up with an agreement to remove the tires. East Branch phase II project has been done since Fall of 2010 and is working well. Kern Hollow site had high flow but only a trickle of water was coming through the sand filter into the slag bed, and the rest over the over flow. ODNR went to the site and stirred up the sand and the flow through the slag bed was fine. It was determined the wrong type of sand was used and will be replaced this summer when the flow is low. West Branch Harble Griffith project pre bid will be May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. A field near the project was analyzed and 4 feet of top soil and clay for re soil is available. The field first must be tilled to look for archeological sites or artifacts. Orland gob pile project should be done this summer. Two OSM grants were submitted – one for the Orland gob pile project (\$60,000) and one for the West Branch Harble Griffith project (\$100,000). The Ohio Valley RC&D was able to get a \$4,000 grant and got RCP a new projector, new water quality meter and a ground water model.

**Water Quality Specialist Report (Brian Blair):** Sampling is slow due to high flow of rainy weather and sampling will pick up the pace shortly. Lake Milton was drained below slag bed supply levels because of valve failure this past summer, the drain pipe was plugged but the plug failed so the plug was reinstalled near the end of winter. The lake is finally filling back up and discharging treated water once again into Hot House Lake. The system is still putting out low PH from Hot House, but we will be monitoring and adjusting system until alkaline discharge is once again achieved. Also working toward completing a summary of all 2010 chemical sampling throughout Raccoon Creek which should be complete and disseminated in April.

**Waterloo Education Report (Heike Perko, Kara Walton, Sarah Landers):** New lease was extended on the waterloo building, Natalie Kruse, RCP Chair needs to sign the lease and RCP will have the building for 8 more years. Had a Spring Day Camp on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>, with 5 families in attendance. Everything is set and ready to go for the Apple Grafting work shop on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. A work day needs to be scheduled for spring cleaning at the Waterloo building. The OEEF grant

submitted by Kara and Sarah in January of 2011 was approved. The grant is to help for transportation for field trips and to and from the camps. The grant also will fund a Camp Facilitator and the over all cost of the camps so that the camps can be 100% fund raising profit. There will also be 5 scholarships for each camp available.

**Water Trails (RCWTA) Report (Molly Gurien):** Attended the Southeast Ohio Tourism Expo in Rio Grande, Ohio on March 5<sup>th</sup>, and had a really good turn out at RCWTA booth. There were a steady stream of people all day and many were interested in RCWTA and the floats. Made \$24 in raffle ticket sales on Kayak. On April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, RCWTA will be present at Paddle Palooza at the Ohio State fair grounds. The spring float this year is Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>. will meet at Hope School at 10 AM. The put in is at the low water bridge up stream from Zaleski and the take out will be at Hope School. The back up plan is to go to Lake Hope in case the water level is low or it's stormy.

**AmeriCorps Report (Sarah Landers, Kara Walton):** Doing a lot of education and out reach. Attended the Geological ??? American North central Northeast Joint meeting in Pittsburg March 20<sup>th</sup> thru March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Will be attending the Piketon Science Day at the Endeavor Center in Piketon Ohio on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Will be present at the Earth Day event at the Hocking SWCD. Will be helping with the Sunday and Monday Creek Water Fest.

**Ohio River Clean Sweep Report (Sarah Landers):** the event is June 18<sup>th</sup>. RCWTA will do water pick up on Raccoon Creek from the put in site on St. Rt. 218 to the mouth of Raccoon Creek. RCP will do a land pick up along Raccoon Creek on Creek Road from St. Rt. 328 to St. Rt. 677. Sarah will send out E-mails with further details and sign up sheets.