

NIPPERSINK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION, INC.

7602 Hancock Drive
Wonder Lake, IL 60097

February 22, 2011

Approved Minutes

Meeting of the Directors of the Nippersink Watershed Association, Inc., Thursday, February 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at 7602 Hancock Drive, Wonder Lake, IL

Present: Tom Cooper, President, Orrin Bangert, Treasurer, Dick Hilton, Secretary, and Randy Stowe, **Watershed Manager.**

President called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Approval of Minutes: On a Motion by Dick Hilton to approve the minutes of the previous meeting subject to corrections, Second by Orrin Bangert, The Minutes of the January 13, 2011 meeting were approved by a unanimous vote of those present.

Treasurer's Report: Pending resolution of the reimbursement issues between ISU and IL EPA there are insufficient funds available to meet association financial obligations. Current Balance \$687.00

Communications: Correspondence, None

Public Comments, No public present, **Officers' Report,** No Reports

Watershed Manager's Report: See Attached

Committee Reports: No Reports

Unfinished Business:

Status of Application for Federal Not-for-Profit status: Application has been reinstated by the Cincinnati office of the IRS and they have requested additional information that our accounting consultant is working to finalize.

Status of IEPA Contract Reimbursements – 2010 319 Grants: Randy Stowe is still working with ISU and IEPA Staffs to resolve the accounting of funds disbursed through the Grant.

Hack Ma Tack Update: No Report

Wonder Lake/Watershed 2009 319 Grants: Randy reported that the Wonder Lake Island Restoration and Shoreline stabilization Demo Project have been removed from the Wonder Lake Dredging Permit Application submitted to the USACOE. These projects have been submitted to the USACOE under a separate permit to facilitate approval by the Agency. Design work has been completed.

Watershed 2010 319 Grant Status: Randy reported that Wonder Lake Shoreline Stabilization projects and projects on MCCD property in Alden Township continue under review with the IEPA.

Watershed 2011 319 Grant Applications: Randy is working with the Land Conservancy of McHenry County to assist in obtaining a grant for work along the Nippersink in the Solon Mills Area, downstream of Wonder Lake. This may also involve establishing a conservation easement on identified properties.

Watershed Roundtable: Randy reported on the "Roundtable" that involved the 5 active watershed planning groups in McHenry County. Some of the association members who are involved in watershed planning participated in Joan Brehm's "Social Survey" report to the FREP Committee that preceded the Roundtable.

Il State Univ. Watershed Survey Report: Randy reported that Dr. Joan Brehm presented the Nippersink Watershed Survey to the Fox River Ecosystem Partnership at the MPOA community Room on Feb. 16, 2011. Approximately 25 people were present, to include several “Roundtable” participants.

New Business

Updates to 2008 Watershed Plan: As stated in the Minutes of the January meeting, a review and possible revisions of estimated costs of completing the projects identified in the Plan will be initiated in the very near future. This is prompted by the need to include the cost of engineering reviews required by the IEPA as a part of the 319 Grant program. Consideration will also be extended to the possibility of adding new projects that have since been brought to the Planning Committee’s attention.

Stakeholder Outreach: As a result of the current economic conditions, the emphasis will be on working with individual property owners who are interested in addressing water quality issues throughout the watershed. Several local governing bodies are currently faced with reduced revenue streams and are not in a position to consider expansion of their budgets to include watershed water quality improvement projects. **(See Watershed Manager Quarterly Reports)**

Next Meeting: April 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the MPOA/NWA Office.

Adjournment: On a Motion by Orrin Bangert & Second by Dick Hilton, meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Submitted by Dick Hilton, Secretary