

NIPPERSINK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION, INC.

7602 Hancock Drive
Wonder Lake, IL 60097

June 16, 2010

Approved Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Directors meeting of the Nippersink Watershed Association, Inc., held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at 7602 Hancock, Wonder Lake, IL

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Cooper at 7:07 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call – Present:** Tom Cooper, Dick Hilton, Cindy Skrukrud and Dennis Palys, Dan Wilson **Quorum established.**
Staff Present: Watershed Manager Randy Stowe
- III. **Treasurer’s Report:** Approximately \$200 on hand
- IV. **Communications:**
 - A. **Correspondence** – None
 - B. **Public Comments** – None
 - C. **Officers’ Report** – No Reports
 - D. **Watershed Manager’s Report** – Randy Stowe - **(Item VII, H)** reported that as a result of the watershed meeting with the County, the McHenry County Water Resource Manager is initiating plans for workshops to address chloride use by snow removal contractors. **(Item VII, E)** the portion of the 319 grant designated for planned High Point erosion control measures calls for a minimum of 25 riffle structures and a possible projected total of 68. **(Item VII, F)** Potential projects mentioned in the 2008 Watershed Plan that may be eligible for funding through the 319 Program include Item 11-11, (Fencing off portions of the Nippersink to restrict access to dairy cattle and construction of a shallow water access crossing for Ag equipment). Item 11-6 in the plan & Item 10-3 may also be considered for funding through 319. Shoreline stabilization of approximately 1,500 linear feet of Wonder Lake Shoreline is also under consideration. **Watershed Plan projects completed and/or near completion** include Items 6-4 a, 6-4 b and 6-4 c. These projects were funded through wetland mitigation funds paid to MCCD by the developer of the Thatcher Meadows development in Wonder Lake, NRB Land. In anticipation of a route for water returning from the Wonder Lake sediment dewatering site, a Wetland Delineation of Merchant Creek, a tributary to Wonder Lake was also completed by Hey & Associates. **(Item VIII, A)** In order to keep the plan current to watershed needs it is anticipated that an inventory of previously identified projects that have been completed and identification of eligible new projects be added to the Plan by the end of the year 2010. Adjustments to the cost of individual projects will also be accomplished. **(Item VIII, B)** The McHenry County SWCD has provided a comprehensive list of parcels and owners of all watershed properties that have Nippersink frontage. This data will be used to contact owners, seeking info on potential water quality issues that may exist on individual properties and educating owners on potential funding assistance to improve water quality.
- V. **Committee Reports:** No reports – no committees yet formed.
- VI. **Unfinished Business:** None.
 - A. **Status of Application for Federal Not-for-Profit status** – Dick Hilton reported that the IRS has apparently lost the response to questions received from IRS submitted to them in December, 2009. As a result, the EIN number is currently not valid. Our accountant is faxing the necessary info to IRS with request to reactivate EIN and rule on NFP status.
 - B. **Status of IEPA Contract Reimbursements** – Currently funds covered by three reimbursement invoices totaling \$35,225.27 have yet to be received. Oldest Inv. Dated March 14, 2010.
 - C. **Hack Ma Tack Update** – Cindy Skrukrud reported that USFWS has agreed to conduct a two year feasibility study. Area of study encompasses 350,000 acres located west of Fox River into Alden Township, and includes Chain O’ Lakes, and an area south of Lake Geneva, WI to include the Wonder Lake, IL Area. Purpose of study to determine suitability of establishing a 10,000 – 35,000 acre National Wildlife Refuge.

- D. **2009 Wonder Lake/Watershed 319 Grants** – Sub watershed Social Surveys have been distributed to randomly selected residents. Survey is also available on the NWA website.
- E. **2010 319 Grant status** – Contract has been signed and IEPA in Springfield is working to get paperwork registered with CMS (See VII, A above).
- F. **2011 319 Grant Applications** - (See item Watershed Manager’s Report above)
- G. **Alden Township “Race Track”** – Apparently the issue will be brought before the McHenry County ZBA on June 24, 2010. Cindy Skrukud will contact Mark Phipps, McHenry County P & D for status.
- H. **Watershed Roundtable** – Randy Stowe reported that representatives from each of the watershed groups in McHenry met with McHenry County P & D staff, County Board members and Amy Walkenbach, IEPA. Consensus is that all should be communicating and working together on issues involving McHenry County natural resources.

VII. New Business

- A. **Updates to 2008 Watershed Plan** – (See item Watershed Manager’s Report above).
- B. **Stakeholder Outreach** - (See item Watershed Manager’s Report above).
- C. **NWA Internet Web Site** – Dick Hilton presented Invoice from HOAG Communications in the amount of \$200 for renewal of 1-year domain name registration. On a motion by Cindy Skrukud and 2nd by Dennis Palys the invoice was unanimously approved for payment pending availability of funds.
- D. **NWA Fundraising** – No activity reported. Waiting for NFP status with IRS to be resolved.

VIII. Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled for July 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Future meetings will be held bi-monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month beginning with September 21 & November 16, 2010.

IX. Adjournment

On a motion by Dennis Palys, second by Cindy Skrukud, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard A. Hilton, Secretary