

NIPPERSINK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION, INC.

7602 Hancock Drive
Wonder Lake, IL 60097

July 25, 2011

Unapproved Minutes

Meeting of the Directors of the Nippersink Watershed Association, Inc., July 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at 7602 Hancock Drive, Wonder Lake, IL

Present: Tom Cooper, **President**, Orrin Bangert, **Treasurer**, Dick Hilton, **Secretary**, Dennis Palys, **Director**, Cindy Skrukrud, **Director**, and Randy Stowe, **Watershed Manager**.

President called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM

Approval of Minutes: On a Motion by Orrin Bangert to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2011 meeting, subject to corrections, Second by Orrin Bangert, The Minutes of the May 5, 2011 meeting were approved by a unanimous vote of those present.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bangert reported a Current Balance \$900+

Communications: Correspondence, Letter to Friends of the Fox River and their response

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

Watershed Manager's Report: See attached

Committee Reports: No Reports

Unfinished Business:

Status of IEPA Contract Reimbursements & Extension: Randy Stowe reported that the Watershed Manager Grant came in under budget and a request to extend the grant, using the remaining funds for updating the watershed plan is currently under review by IEPA Staff. This is also true for the Survey Grant administered through ISU

Hackmatack Update: USFWS will release their Environmental Assessment and recommendation on the proposed refuge later this year. Because of the power outage in the MPOA office the 7//13 MPOA Board of Directors meeting was carried over to 7/20. Pending the availability of representatives from Friends of the Hackmatack information on the proposed refuge will be presented to the board. Following the presentation, the MPOA Directors may consider submitting a letter of support to the USFWS.

2010 Wonder Lake/Watershed 319 Grants: USACOE permits have been received for the proposed rip rap protection of the Wonder Lake Islands, selected shoreline and upstream face of the dam. A permit a livestock exclusion project on the Nippersink in Alden Township has also been approved. The MCCD High Point project permits are pending and MCCD has signed the IEPA Draft Agreement. The **2011** Grants have apparently been approved pending resolution of federal funding and the required professional engineering review of the projects.

A separate Village of Wonder Lake grant application of a proposed buyout of a flood prone residence in Wonder Lake remains under review.

Potential 2012 Section 319 Grants: Wonder Lake, possible shoreline stabilization of approximately ½ mile of shoreline and Streambank projects downstream of WL at Spring Grove and on the North Branch where high quality muscle beds are present are all under review.

Landowners requesting assistance through NWA website, McHenry County Fair Board on fair ground property & Silver Creek, and exploring the possibility of establishing 3rd party TMDL for fecal coliform are under consideration.

Watershed Roundtable: The roundtable met June 15 and began strategizing the process for McHenry County endorsement of IEPA approved watershed plans, funding of watershed managers positions and communicating and sharing of information and ideas between watershed planning groups.

NWA Fundraising-Funding of the Watershed Manager Position: The committee yhas agreed to put together a plan to establish a method for watershed residents to donate funds to fund watershed protection and enhancement efforts. There was also continued discussion about establishing a Paypal account that would enable the NWA to accept donations through our website and Cindy Skrukruk will provide information on the McHenry County Community Foundation during our next meeting.

New Business:

Friends of Fox River/Scot Forge/NWA: In an e mail received prior to the meeting Cindy Skrukruk reported that the meeting between FOFR and Scot Forge staff went well. FOFR and SF each had a meeting scheduled with IEPA but everyone appeared to agreed on a plan that involves:

- 1) SF improving their monitoring and developing a plan to come in compliance with their existing permit (IEPA has issued them a violation notice (VN))
- 2) SF seeking a modified permit to change the point at which they need to meet permit limits for a multitude of items
- 3) SF installing a baffle in their second pond to correct problem of the inlet and outlet of the pond being right next to one another, effectively short-circuiting the utility of the pond.

NWA Letterhead: Nancy Williamson has provided a redesigned “header” for NWA correspondence.

Additions to Agenda: NONE

Next Meeting: August 4, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the MPOA/NWA Office.

Adjournment: On a Motion by Orrin Bangert, second by Dennis Palys meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Submitted by Dick Hilton, Secretary