

NIPPERSINK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION, INC.

7602 Hancock Drive
Wonder Lake, IL 60097

July 15, 2009

Approved Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Directors meeting of the Nippersink Watershed Association, Inc., held on Wednesday, July 14, 2009 at the Alden Township Hall, Alden Rd., Hebron, IL

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Cooper at 7:09 p.m.

II. Roll Call – Present: Tom Cooper, Dan Wilson, Dick Hilton, Cindy Skrukrud and David Rose, Wastershed Manager Randy Stowe
Absent: Dennis Palys, Orrin Bangert - **Quorum established.**

III. Treasurer’s Report: In Treasurer’s absence Tom Cooper reported that there was less than \$300 in the organization’s checking account.

IV. Communications:

A. Correspondence – None

B. Public Comments – None

C. Officers’ Report – Cindy S. reported that she is as member of the Boone County Stormwater Planning Committee and has presented them with the McHenry County Stormwater Management Plan. The McHenry County plan will provide the Boone County Committee with a starting point for developing a Boone County comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan and corresponding Ordinances.

D. Watershed Manager’s Report – Randy S.

1. provided an overview of the Nippersink Creek Watershed Planning Committee’s efforts that has resulted in a watershed plan that meets the criteria for eligible 319 grants to fund water quality improvements throughout the Nippersink watershed. (For plan and implementation details see <http://nippersink.org/>)
2. Reviewed the current status of the grants received through the Clean Water Act (319 Program funds) and explained his role as the watershed manager during the 2 year grant cycle.
3. Provided a brief overview of the IL State University Social Survey that will be conducted in the Nippersink watershed during the next two years.
4. Reviewed the current contract with the IL EPA and status of the effort to meet the detailed contractual requirements.

V. Committee Reports: No reports – no committees yet formed.

VI. Unfinished Business: None – This is the first “official” meeting of the Board.

VII. New Business

A. Approval of NWA By-laws – Dick H. presented the current proposed bylaws that will govern the activities of the Association. A motion to accept the bylaws with corrections was made by Cindy Skrukrud, second by Dan Wilson. Following discussion the motion was unanimously approved by vote of the directors present.

B. Status of IEPA Contract - 319 Grants See items D 2, 3 & 4 above.

C. Approval of Application for Federal Not-for-profit status (Form 1023) – Dick H. explained that the application was complete and ready to be submitted to the I.R.S. for consideration of the Nippersink Watershed Association as a 501 (C) (3) Not for Profit Corporation. David Rose moved to authorize the submittal of the Application and \$300 fee to the I.R.S. for consideration, second by Cindy Skrukrud – motion carried by unanimous vote of Directors present.

D. Potential 319 Grant applications for next funding cycle – Randy S. reviewed the following with the Directors:

1. **Harrison Benwell/MCCD** – there are activities proposed to enhance existing wetlands, but project does not appear to be a possibility for the Aug. 1, 2009, 319 grant cycle.
2. **High Point/MCCD** (Alden Township) has potential for meeting the criteria in this funding cycle.
3. Property near the sawmill in Alden Township – Randy is meeting with the property owner this weekend.
4. Upstream face of Wonder Lake Dam, cost share may be leveraged against proposed SSA taxing district.
5. Contacted McHenry County Planning & Development and discussed placing stream gauges at various key point on the Nippersink (Thompson Rd., Newman Creek, Rte. 173 & on the North Branch). Presently not feasible - budget issues.
6. Possible stream gauge at Thompson Rd. funded through 50/50 grant with USGS, MPOA to possibly fund the 50% cost share, by leveraging proposed SSA taxing district funds.

E. Internet Web Site – Dick Hilton

The new Association web site is located at <http://nippersinkwatershed.org> It is up and running with an “Under Construction” notation. Becky Hoag will manage the site. On a related note David Rose offered his services/expertise in developing a CD version of the Nippersink Creek Watershed Plan that can be then be distributed to interested parties. David and Randy will pursue the possibility and report back to the Board.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday in August – location to be determined.

IX. Adjournment

On a motion by Dick Hilton and 2nd by Dan Wilson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard A. Hilton