



P. O. Box 994 Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074

## Minutes of the Ulao Creek Partnership Meeting February 20, 2006 Oz. Cty. Building.

### **PRESIDENT**

Mike Grisar  
We Energies

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Tim Kaul  
Landowner

### **SECRETARY**

August Hoppe  
Landowner

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Karin Manley  
Landowner

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Northern Environmental

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Planning, Resources & Land  
Management

David A. Schwengel  
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Landowner

Andrew Struck  
Assistant Director/County  
Planner, Ozaukee County  
Planning, Resources & Land  
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### **TECHNICAL ADVISORY MEMBERS**

Armin O. Schwengel  
Wetland  
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Ozaukee County Board  
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Committee

Shawn Graff  
Executive Director  
Oz/Wash Land Trust, Inc.

William Wawrzyn  
DNR Water Resources Biologist

Ginny Plumeau  
Cedarburg Science

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 by Tim Kaul

In attendance was Mike Grisar, Paul Helms, Shawn Graff, Lesley Brotkowski, Cindy Bock, Karin Manley, Noel Cutright, Tim Kaul, August Hoppe, Andrew Struck, and Marjie Tomter

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved by a voice vote.

The treasurer's report was approved by voice vote. Of note: A motion was carried to simplify the treasurer's report to one annual report. Each subsequent meeting will have updates of transactions since the last meeting. Karin Manley mentioned that the UCP tax filing is done by Mr. Dieffenbach of Thiensville WI.

### **Town of Grafton Open Space Mailing**

The Chairman of the Open Space committee is creating a newsletter to mail out to residents of Grafton. Along with the newsletter, a letter will be sent out. This letter will ask residents for a donation to be put into a fund for open space acquisition.

### **Great Lakes Basin Program- Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Grant**

Lesley Brotkowski is preparing the grant application. The UCP will be able to fit within the small grant section. The current budget request is \$40,000. The project will improve the water quality of the Ulao Creek Watershed. An inventory of the buffered areas of the creek will take place. Once this is accomplished land owners will be targeted and contacted. Landowners will be encouraged to donate or sell conservation easements on their riparian land. The UCP will focus on a 150 foot buffer strip. This is twice as large as the current DNR regulation. It was noted that the UCP should extend its grant request to a 24 month period of time.

### **Conservation in Common Conference**

The UCP will be sending delegates to both sections of this conference. The first section will be held March 31<sup>st</sup>- April 1<sup>st</sup> at Camp Manawa. The second section of the conference will be held in Rhinelander April 28-29<sup>th</sup>. Leslie Brotkowski, and August Hoppe will be attending this section. UCP members are encouraged to think of ideas and talk with out delegates to help create a targeted mission for them.

### **New Resident Info-Packet Program**

Noel Cutright created a packet for new residents within the watershed. The packet will contain 12 different handouts, the UCP newsletter, and a UCP membership application. August Hoppe will finalize the draft of this letter. It was decided that 50 packets will be created at our next meeting March 27<sup>th</sup>. Andrew Struck and Noel Cutright will bring the packet contents to this meeting.

## **Event Planning**

- April 15 - Pheasant Release with Wings Over Wisconsin and Trash Pick-up Day. We are planning to meet at 9:30 at the STH 32 park and ride in Grafton. Depending on attendance, we will likely split into two groups and carpool to a variety of release sites. This should take about an hour. Following, we will spend 1-2 hours cleaning up trash along Ulao Parkway and Arrowhead Road. While it is Easter weekend, we are looking to pull together a string contingency for this event. Last year in about 1 1/2 hours, 4 members were able to pull 9 full and large bags of trash from about 1,000 feet stretch along Falls Road.
- June - Fish shocking workshop with Will Wawrzyn. Date and location TBD.
- August - Barn Dance at the Helm's barn. This should prove to be a bang up party featuring live music from a local group(s) for all members, partners, and invited guests to build community support/awareness as well as membership for our organization.
- October - Watershed Tours with experts describing various facets of our natural resources in the watershed.
- January '07 - Ulao Swamp Fun Day will be a great opportunity for anyone who is interested to take a walk through the interior of the swamp while staying on hard ground. Not to mention the chili dump will warm even the coldest fingers and toes.
- Spring '07 - Blue Grass bash. More details to come on this as plans progress.

## **Newsletter/Event Announcement**

Small one-two page newsletters will be used to keep members up to speed on the upcoming events to be held. These newsletters will be sent to our mailing list. The newsletters will probably be one page front and back, with membership applications included. The newsletter committee consists of Mike Grisar, August Hoppe, and Karin Manley.

## **Other business**

Cindy Bock created a partners list with names, addresses, and phone numbers for groups that can help us share our message. This list is a work in progress. Ideas for additional contacts, or updated information should be sent to Cindy Bock.

Tuesday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. Lecture Series at Mequon City Hall. Jim Reinartz from UW-Milwaukee Field Station will be presenting "The Vegetation of Wisconsin".

Karin Manley brought interesting news articles pertaining to wetland protection. These articles included a federal Supreme Court case regarding wetlands in MI, and a Mukwonago plan to keep their town rural.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 6:30 pm. Room 218 Ozaukee County Building.