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Minutes January 22, 2007

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The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm. In attendance were Mike Grisar, David Schwengel, Andy Holschbach, Tom Latzl, Karin Manley, Dale Buser, Ryan McCone, Tim Kaul, Debbie Davis, David Orndorf, Marjie Tomter, Jim Reinartz, Lesley Brotkowski, August Hoppe and Andrew Struck. The minutes from the previous meeting Oct. 9th 2006 were approved by a voice vote. Karin Manley reviewed the Treasurer's report. The UCP has a balance of \$3,850.45.

Membership

Mike Grisar led a discussion of membership growth. The membership of the UCP last year was 44. The goal for 2007 is 60 members. This will be obtained through a 4 point plan. 1. Review list of former members and ask for renewal memberships. (this will be led by Marjie Tomter and Debbie Davis. 2. Gathering informative literature and putting together packets with membership forms. Distribute these packets to new homeowners within the watershed. 3. Existing members will attempt to bring new members in through their own respective circles (Find a friend). 4. Leave informative brochures on mailboxes within the watershed. (Tim Kaul offered to draft a letter for the mailbox campaign. This draft will be reviewed at the UCP's next meeting.)

Swamp Hydrology Study

Jim Reinartz of the UWM field station spoke of a drainage ditch located in the northern area of the Ulaao swamp. This drainage ditch was created between 1980 and 1985. The ditch drains out at its southern edge, and has significantly altered the landscape upon this southern area. The flooded condition has caused tree dieback and has changed the ecological composition of this southern area. Jim Reinartz recommended that the drainage ditch be filled in. Filling in the drainage ditch would begin the process of reclaiming the swamp to its original hydrology. Andy Holschbach mentioned that discussions with the landowner may be possible in the future.

Event Planning

Ulaao Swamp Hike- This hike will take place on March 10th, 2007 starting at Tim Kaul's property. The hike will follow the creek to Tom Latzl's residence. Hikers will then circle back to Tim Kaul's for a campfire and lunch.

Fish Passage/Creek Clean up- Northern Environmental conducted a study of suspected barriers within the Ulaao Creek. These barriers prevent the passage of fish into the Ulaao swamp. Ten potential sites were classified as suspected barriers. Ryan McCone conducted the study. Some of the barriers are located on the Hoppe Family's property. August Hoppe and

Ryan McCone decided to meet on the Hoppe property and inspect these barriers. A potential project for the UCP may result from this meeting.

Fish Shocking/Creek Float- Will Wawryn has offered to conduct another fish shocking this year. If the event is held in April, the Ulao Creek may contain more water. This event may be held in conjunction with a float event held by the Friends of the Milwaukee River.

Invasive Species Control- Mike Grisar of We Energies spoke of a garlic mustard removal event on the We Energies property. This project will be held May 12.

Wetland Tours- Mike Grisar also volunteered to hold wetland tours for interested parties within the watershed. A group of UCP specialists will be created to volunteer their time to meet with small groups to discuss the ecology of watershed.

Barn Dance- Discussions are underway to plan for the 2nd annual barn dance. Hopefully this can be held at the Helm's property again.

Newsletter/Event Announcement

August Hoppe brought a rough draft of the latest newsletter. This 4 page newsletter will announce the Ulao Swamp Hike and other events for 2007.

Grafton Open Space Committee Update

The GOPC has been in discussion with the Town of Grafton regarding conservation subdivisions and planned unit developments. The Open Space Committee will be able to create stewardship programs for subdivisions. Some aspects of these plans may include public parks, passive parks, and open space corridors. The Town of Grafton has approved a study to take place to examine this plan.

Land Conservation Partnership- This is new group that has been formed to help further the cause for PDR programs. The Land Conservation Partnership is involved in the binding referendum in Washington County regarding a PDR program. This group is embarking on a \$40,000 fundraising campaign. The Ulao Creek approved a donation of \$500 for the Land Conservation Partnership. August Hoppe motioned for approval of this donation. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Other Business

We all Live on the Water- The purpose of this program is to increase awareness of the watershed by displaying signs. The UCP might be able to display a sign in a visible location.

Creep Program- There will be a meeting February 22, 2007 for landowners interested in enrolling in this government program.

Watershed Quality Monitors- Volunteers are needed monitor water within the watershed.

Milwaukee Region's Partnership Initiative- This program is sponsored by MMSD, SEWERPAC, and the DNR. The purpose is to bring local municipalities, and non profit groups together to share ideas and increase collaboration.

The next meeting will be April 2, 2007 in room 218 of the Ozaukee County Administration Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.