



P. O. Box 994 Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074

## Minutes of the Ulao Creek Partnership Meeting April 7<sup>th</sup> 2008

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Mike Grisar.

### **PRESIDENT**

Mike Grisar  
We Energies

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Lesley Brotkowski  
Cedarburg Science

### **SECRETARY**

August Hoppe  
Landowner

### **TREASURER**

Karin Manley  
Landowner

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Tim Kaul  
Landowner

Dale Buser  
Northern Environmental

Tom Latzl  
Landowner

Andy Holschbach  
Ozaukee County  
Planning, Resources & Land  
Management

David A. Schwengel  
Concerned Citizen

Paul Helms  
Landowner

Andrew Struck  
Ozaukee County  
Planning, Resources & Land  
Management Dept.

Debra Davis  
Concerned Citizen

Marjie Tomter  
Landowner

### **TECHNICAL ADVISORY MEMBERS**

Shawn Graff  
Oz/Wash Land Trust, Inc.

William Wawrzyn  
DNR

Ginny Plumeau  
Cedarburg Science

Bill Niehaus  
Ozaukee County

Noel Cutright  
We Energies

In attendance were August Hoppe, Tom Latzl, Marjie Tomter, Karin Manley, Mike Grisar, Lesley Brotkowski, Andrew Struck, Andy Holschbach Debbie Davis, and Paul Helms and David Schwengel.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting were approved by Andrew, second by Tom.

### **Treasurer's Report**

\$4,910.59 is in the account.

### **Elections- Officers and Board**

Andrew Struck made a motion to maintain officers for another year. This was seconded by Tom Latzel. Motion approved. The officers were reelected for another year. Mike Grisar president, Lesly Brotkowski vice president, August Hoppe secretary, Karin Manley treasurer. Mike Grisar made a motion to maintain the board of directors. Karin Manley seconded the motion. The motion was approved and the board of directors will hold their seats for another year.

### **SEWCISMA-Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area**

This program began in western states and moving east to Wisconsin area. The focus is specifically on invasive species control and management. An area in southeastern WI was recently established. There was discussion regarding the proposed DNR invasive species rule. Some species will be required to be managed. Prohibited species are invasives that will be required to be controlled. Restricted species are considered already widespread and management will not be compulsory.

### **Creek Clean up**

Tim Kaul is undertaking a clean up along his creek property. Removing reed canary grass, fallen brush, and overgrowth will help improve the flow of the creek. August Hoppe will also undertake such a project on his land. Tim and August may perform their projects independently or jointly. There will be an email to Partnership members who may be interested in assisting.

### **Invasive Species Management**

Mike Grisar will be leading a garlic mustard pull on the WE energy land on the north side of the watershed. Parking will be available in the WE energy parking lot. This outing will take place at 9:00am May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a follow up event at Tom Latzel's property on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fish Shocking Survey**

This event will be used to study the fish population of the Ulao Creek. Will Wawrzyn will pick a date in June for this study. Will Wawrzyn will also find a

suitable location for the event.

### **Fish Impediment Removal**

Andy Holschbach has identified two separate locations along the southern edge of the Ulao Creek that have impediments that make it difficult for fish to pass by. Andy will organize an event in late summer to extract the impediments to allow easier fish passage. This will be done while the creek levels are low.

### **Barn Dance**

Paul Helms and Marjie Tomter will once again organize this event. Possible locations are the Helms Barn, or the family farm. This event will take place in late summer.

### **Goals/Benchmarks**

It is important for the UCP to gauge the success of its events this year by measuring tangible results to see if conditions within the water shed are improving.

1. Fish survey- complete this event, maintain credible data that will be usable for future measurement.
2. Invasive species management- have good attendance and remove a lot of garlic mustard
3. Creek clean up – have noticeable improvement of water flow, water quality, and reduction of reed canary grass along the banks.
4. Fish impediment removal- successfully remove blockages within the creek.
5. Barn Dance- improve attendance
6. Longterm goal- Start testing the water again so that we can see if improvements are being in water quality. This can be done with the assistance of Friends of the Milwaukee River. This group has a set of standard tests that are used.

### **Other Business**

Lesley Brotkowski mentioned the Linking Watersheds Conference. Tues April 22, 2008 at the Northern Illinois University, Hoffman Estates Campus. 8:30am-4:30pm. Learn more about it at [foxriverecosystem.org/conference.htm](http://foxriverecosystem.org/conference.htm).

August Hoppe mentioned the “Celebration of Trees” at the Boerner Botanical Gardens at Whitnall Park. This two day event is free and takes place on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Many different speakers will be present, along with a variety of activities for the whole family.

Paul Helms saw a fischer on his property.

The next meeting date has been set for July 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 in room 218 at the Ozaukee County Administration Building at 5:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.