



P. O. Box 994 Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074

## Minutes of the Ulao Creek Partnership Meeting November 17<sup>th</sup> 2008

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Mike Grisar.

### **PRESIDENT**

Mike Grisar  
We Energies

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Lesley Brotkowski  
Cedarburg Science

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August Hoppe  
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Noel Cutright  
We Energies

In attendance were August Hoppe, Karin Manley, Mike Grisar, Lesley Brotkowski, Andy Holschbach, Debbie Davis, and Noel Cutright. .

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the April 4, 2008 meeting were approved by consensus.

### **Treasurer's Report**

\$5,335 is in the bank account.

### **Old Business**

#### **Goals/Benchmarks for UCP 2008**

Some of the activities of 2008 were successful, and some needed better coordination.

**Invasive species management-** This activity worked well. Participation was high due to the enlistment of students from Homestead High School along with other UCP volunteers. This event has been so successful that Mike Grisar mentioned that the WE Energies site now is considered to have adequate garlic mustard control. Much progress was made at the Latzel, Helms, and Hoppe properties. Next year the UCP will need someone to coordinate this effort so we can repeat our successes.

**Creek Clean up-** Tim Kaul has made strides on his property. August Hoppe reported that Tim has been happy with the results of his work using cutting and herbicide to help control reed canary grass along the banks of the creek on his property.

**Fish Impediment Removal-** Andy Holschbach coordinated an effort that consisted of 6 volunteers spending a Saturday morning removing woody debris that had jammed up the creek. Efforts were concentrated at four separate sites near the mouth of the Ulao Creek. The volunteers worked tirelessly to extract the debris from the creek. Andy Holschbach mentioned that he knows of other prospective sites for impediment removal next year. He will coordinate this effort again.

**Barn dance-** This activity was postponed until next year. A coordinator for this event will be needed.

### **New Business**

#### **SEWISC- Southeastern WI Invasive Species Cooperative**

This is a public and private partnership to manage invasive species in southeastern WI. SEWISC is a clearing house of information about invasives. The UCP decided to sign the pledge of SEWISC, stating that we will work towards the removal of invasives and work with in good faith towards the goal of attacking the problem with coordinated efforts. The motion to sign the pledge was made by Lesley Brotkowski and seconded by August Hoppe. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**The Gateway- Conservation Land-** This new development is located at the SE corner of I43 and Hwy. 60. There is approx. 7 acres of land on the east side of the

property that the development group plans on putting into a conservation easement. There was discussion regarding who would hold the easement and whether the UCP would perform that role in addition to managing the land. This is a high visibility area that could be used by the UCP for numerous projects. The UCP may need guidance on whether or not we should hold this easement.

**Land Conservation Partners Update-** One of the goals of this organization is to eventually create a Purchasing of Development Rights program for Grafton. Tim Kaul spend time in the eastern U.S. this summer meeting with landowners, and government officials to learn how different programs have been able to create PDR programs.

**OWLT WCMP-**This is the Wisconsin coastal management program grant application that OWLT is applying for. This grant is for studying indicator species, and how they can be monitored to judge the health of an ecosystem. Mike Grisar wrote a letter endorsing OWLT's efforts in obtaining this grant. If they are successful, the UCP may play a role in studying indicator species within the watershed.

**1000 friends of Wisconsin-** This group has created a book of Land use and water quality projects. This picture book celebrates efforts around Wisconsin. Mike Grisar was interviewed on behalf of the UCP. There will be a small section featuring the UCP within the book.

### **Goals of 2009**

**Invasive Species Management-** A coordinator is needed. More efforts can be made at Helms, Latzel, or Hoppe properties, or any other prospective sites within the watershed.

**Fish Impediments-** Andy Holschbach will lead this effort in 2009.

**Gateway Project Restoration-** Decisions will need to be made regarding UCP's involvement with the easement. Whether or not the UCP should be an easement holder, or just manage the site.

**Fish Survey-** This valuable activity should continue in 2009.

**Water Quality Measurements-** It is important to measure whether improvements have been made.

**Tree Planting-** There is money in the UCP bank account to fund tree planting or fundraising could be done.

**Barn Dance-**This popular event needs a coordinator for 2009.

**Outreach-** Greater outreach is needed to develop a good volunteer base for 2009.

**Newsletter-** August Hoppe will edit a newsletter for late winter.

### **Other Business**

Karin Manley talked about her disappointment in not seeing any significant tree planting on some new home sites within the watershed. There was discussion regarding how more trees could be planted on these home sites.

Next meeting date was scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup> 2009. at the Ozaukee County Administration Building room 218 at 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.