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Minutes of the Ulaao Creek Partnership Meeting April 6th 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m. by Mike Grisar.

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DNR

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In attendance were August Hoppe, Karin Manley, Mike Grisar, Andy Holschbach, Debbie Davis, Tom Latzl, Andrew Struck, Marjie Tomter, and Steve Wilkinson.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Jan. 26th, 2009 meeting were approved.

Elections of Officers and Board- A motion was made to re-elect the officers for an additional one year term. This motion passed unanimously. Mike Grisar suggested retaining the board of directors and the technical advisors. Those not in attendances are able to change their status if they wished.

Old Business

Newsletter- August Hoppe is putting the finishing touches on the 4 page newsletter. This will feature an introduction by the president, two articles, a calendar of events, and an insert soliciting new members.

Land Conservation Partnership- This is moving quickly. Andrew Struck highlighted the fact that there is not much opposition to setting up a Land Preservation Board. This 7 member board will be representative of the concerned parties. This action should be in front of the Ozaukee County Board most likely in May. The Land Preservation Board will focus a plan and identify tools for preservation of agricultural land and natural (open) lands.

OWLT WCMP Grant Application- Unfortunately the application for this unique wildlife indicator tool was denied. This was because of the fact that there was much competition for this grant money.

The Gateway-Conservation Land/Easement- Mike Grisar was able to do a quick preliminary site inspection of the 7 acre parcel located at the SE corner of Hwy 60 and I 43 in the Town of Grafton. President Grisar determined that young ash trees dominated the site, along with reed canary grass. There are areas of invasive species such as honeysuckle, dames rocket, and buckthorn. The invasives are in amounts that could very well be controlled easily, which is encouraging. Grisar also thought that there will be good possibilities for stream mitigation. The Ulaao Creek is very shallow and straight in this area and there are various methods that can be used to bring the creek back to a more natural, deeper and meandering status. Mike will try to organize a more thorough site inspection with William Wawrzyn of the DNR.

2009 Activities/Events

Fish Survey and Water Quality Monitoring- August Hoppe will be attending a water quality testing work shop at Riveredge Nature Center on May 2. He will be testing a site between his family's property and Paul Helm's property on a regular basis. Laura and Rich Weber have also expressed interest and August Hoppe will coordinate volunteer efforts to maximize our efforts and results.

Invasive Species Control- May 30th, 2009 starting at The Gateway development at 7:30am. Groups will spread out to various spots within the watershed from this meeting location Sites mentioned are Tom Latzl's property, Paul Helm's, Mauer property, and The Gateway. Mike Grisar will coordinate efforts. Andy Holschbach and Mike Grisar will contact school groups to see if volunteers can be found. Garlic mustard will be the target species to control. Marjie Tomter brought up the idea of using a short demonstration video to educate volunteers. She will make efforts to distribute information about this video to Tom Latzl and Mike Grisar.

Fish Impediment Removal- The tentative date for this activity is October 17th, 2009. Andy Holschbach will coordinate this effort. Holschbach will identify the areas that are in the most need for action. More information will be forthcoming as details emerge.

Other Business

Andrew Struck spoke about an exciting project that Oz. County Planning, Resources, and Land Management is requesting federal stimulus money for. This prospective \$4.6 million dollar fish impediment removal project has the potential to dramatically improve the fish population and the health of the Milwaukee River watershed from Lake Michigan all the way past the Newburg area. Three phases are included. Large projects- such as dam removals and fish ladders at non removed dams. Medium projects- such as perched culvert removal or repair. Smaller projects- such as railroad ballast removal, log jams, with volunteers and coordination. If this project is granted, it may likely impact the plans for the UCP fish impediment removal project this fall.

Steve Wilkinson brought up an idea of a cost sharing plan to encourage home owners to plant good sized native trees on their properties. This idea would include sponsor organizations, nurseries, and corporate partners. The ultimate goal of this project will be to get more trees planted, and to increase the public visibility of the Ulao Creek and others that will sponsor this project.

Next meeting date has been scheduled for July 13th, 2009 at the Ozaukee County Administration Building room 218 at 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.