



P. O. Box 994 Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074

## Minutes of the Ulao Creek Partnership Meeting January 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Mike Grisar.

### **PRESIDENT**

Mike Grisar  
We Energies

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Lesley Brotkowski  
Cedarburg Science

### **SECRETARY**

August Hoppe  
Landowner

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Karin Manley  
Landowner

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Landowner

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### **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, Karin Manley, Mike Grisar, Lesley Brotkowski, Andy Holschbach, Debbie Davis, Ginny Plumeau, Tom Latzel, Andrew Struck, David Schwengel, Tim Kaul, Dale Buser, and Kraig Sadownikow.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> 2008 meeting were approved after three corrections were made.

### **Treasurer's Report**

\$5,475.59 is in the bank account.

### **Old Business**

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

This organization acts as a clearinghouse regarding invasive species issues. SEWISC may play an important role in education regarding the new DNR NR40 rules which will be going into effect soon. UCP has signed "the pledge" indicating that the UCP will be a partner with SEWISC.

#### **Land Conservation Partnership Update**

LCP has hired a staff member to help put together a training manual for officials that formulate land use policies. One goal of the LCP is to organize a Land Preservation Board that would report to the county board. The UCP will support The LCP efforts. There will be a presentation in March regarding the land use tour that took place in locations in the eastern U.S.

#### **OWLT WCMP Grant Application**

The Ozaukee Washington Land Trust has applied for grant money to develop a program that can evaluate a property's environmental resources. This project is based upon GIS technology and it is likely that OWLT would evaluate the Ulao Creek Watershed with this new program. UCP has given the OWLT its full endorsement for this program.

#### **1000 Friends of WI Land Use Water Quality Project**

UCP was solicited for a picture book project. Mike Grisar was interviewed for this project and the book should be released soon.

### **New Business**

#### **The Gateway-Conservation Easement**

This new development located at the SE corner of the intersection of I43 and Hwy. 60 in Grafton, borders the Ulao Creek. The UCP has been granted a conservation easement. The gateway development was represented by Kraig Sadownikow, president of American Design Build, Inc. The conservation easement is considered a separate parcel of the property. Mr. Sadownikow expressed that he was very amendable to ideas and very much in favor of the UCP using the easement for

improvements in the parcel. Mr. Sadownikow will find out if there are any limitations on the UCP's usage of the land. In particular if things like walking trails, and or signs are considered permitted uses of the land. The UCP will schedule a site inspection of the property to discuss our management options.

#### Goals/Benchmarks for 2009

1. Invasive species control- Mike Grisar will lead this project. There are a variety of sites that are possibilities. These sites include Latzl's, Helms, Hoppe, and Mauer properties.
2. Fish Impediment Removal- Andy Holschbach will research perspective sites along the Ulaio Creek. One site mentioned was an area of ballast near a railroad bridge south of Hoppe's land.
3. Fish survey and water quality-Mike Grisar will speak with Will Wawrzyn regarding a fish survey on the Ulaio Creek this season. Ginny Plumeau will get August Hoppe set up with the process for water quality testing of the creek. UCP will be looking for additional volunteer's to perform water quality testing on the creek this year.
4. Tree planting- This project will be discussed after the site inspection of The Gateway project. Indications are that tree planting will take place in 2009.
5. Barn Dance- This late summer activity is still in need of volunteer support.
6. Newsletter- August Hoppe will plan and produce a spring newsletter for the UCP. Articles may include The Gateway project, water quality testing, invasive species control, and Land Conservation Partnership progress.

#### **Other Business**

Tom Latzl made note that arsenic has been detected in more and more wells. This becomes a problem due to fluctuations in water table levels. Dale Buser commented that this could have been brought on by severe drought conditions that persisted in previous years.

Working Land Initiative meeting will be taking place at the Town of Saukville Town Hall. Feb.26, 2009 from 2:30pm-4:30pm.

Milwaukee Audubon Society is having the Natural Landscape Conference at Concordia University on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Next meeting date has been scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Ozaukee County Administration Building room 218 at 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.