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Ulao Creek Partnership Meeting Minutes March 31st 2011, 5:30 pm Room 218, Ozaukee County Administrative Building

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by August Hoppe.

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In attendance were Lesley Brotkowski, Noel Cutright, Debbie Davis, Shawn Graff, Mike Grisar, August Hoppe, Tom Latzl, Karin Manley, Dave Schwengel, Andrew Struck, Marjie Tomter, and Steve Wilkinson.

Approval of Minutes

Andrew made a motion, seconded by Marjie, to approve the minutes with the revisions noted by Andrew. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Membership Update

Karin gave the Treasurer's report and the committee discussed current membership. There was discussion of ways to increasing membership.

Old Business

Gateway Land Transfer Proposal

August and Shawn met with Kraig Sadownikow of American Design Build in the fall regarding the UCP purchase of the 7-acre site conservation easement. Shawn met with Kraig's attorney in February. Two things that need to be in place are: (1) Title commitment review and (2) A survey of the property and a warrantee deed.

The Phase 1 Environmental Assessment originally completed by Bonestroo needs to be updated. There was no survey done on the 7-acre site we want to acquire. The survey is critical. The attorney is looking into the title. Once the title is in place and the warrantee deed recorded, the Ozaukee/Washington Land Trust committee will agree to be a back up if UCP is ever dissolved.

Mike made a motion, seconded by Tom, to proceed with documentation associated with acquisition contingent on no liens, no issues with Phase 1 and taxes are paid. If the plan moves forward, The final closing date will be December 29, 2011. Recording fees and local assessor re: taxes will be paid for by Kraig Sadonikow.

We have to show that work is being done on the Gateway site. The liability cost is \$300 a year.

Project Plans for 2011

- Mike, and Lesley will do a management plan for the Gateway property.
- Mike will do an inventory of the Gateway property.
- Andrew suggested a new Phase 1 for the Gateway.
- Mike said a new Phase 1 needs to be done prior to the management plan.

Inventory suggestions were erosion into the creek, fish shocking, water quality and a vegetation survey.

Lesley, Mike and Dale volunteered to form a Water Management and Inventory Committee. Tasks will include: (1) vision statement and (2) create and outline baseline management plan.

The site needs spraying herbicide garlic mustard should be in April. Shawn has equipment. Burning can be an alternative – singeing – labor intensive and not enough fuel to carry through. A garlic mustard pull was suggested for May. Mowing can be done so there will be less seeding. A DNR permit is needed for herbiciding – easy to get.

Lesley will get the permit and August will do the work. Tom will help August with spraying in April. August will call Kraig (landowner) about it. August has everything needed to spray. Lesley will include Rodeo and Aquinet in permit.

It would be good to have an outline of the management plan by next meeting.

Marjie discussed piggy backing invasive species. Paul's property needs help with invasives and the outreach source of Gateway is his property. Suggestions are a mowing and spraying combination, include Paul's property in Gateway, and using a four wheeler tank. Paul's permission would be needed if included in the project and he would need to obtain permit.

Establishment of Water Quality Monitoring

Two sites currently being monitored by Ozaukee Land and Water Management staff are Hwy 60 and Falls Road. August's property is also being monitored. Goals are to post results on web and generate interest.

Update of the Planning and Parks Department – Fish Passage Program

EPA is monitoring the main stem. A GIS tool prioritizing habitat and collecting wildlife occurrence data, birds, herp, fish shocking and tracking is being used. They are adding a fishery component besides birds and herps. Any inventory data from UCP to plug in would be greatly appreciated. There should be a lot of data from the herp survey on the website. Email Andrew with any data.

New Business

Spring Elections

Tom made a motion, seconded by Lesley, to hold elections tonight. Motion carried.

Marjie made a motion, seconded by Andrew, to retain current officers. Motion carried.

Spring Newsletter

The committee discussed whether or not to continue printing the newsletter and mailing it or emailing it electronically only. It was decided to do it both ways. Suggestions to distribute newsletter were to libraries, environmental center, gas station, Milwaukee River Basin, UCP Mailing list and the website.

Articles to be included in the newsletter are The Fish Passage (Andrew), Treasures of Oz (Marjie), Opening (August) and Garlic Mustard (August). An insert for membership will also be included. Debbie agreed to coordinate the newsletter with a target date of May 1st.

Mike made a motion, seconded by Tom, to spend up to \$350 for the newsletter publication and mailing. Motion carried.

Treasures of Oz Event

The Treasures of Oz **Explore the Ozaukee Coast** will take place on June 18, 2011. Seven sites included in the celebration will be:

1. Donges Bay Gorge - Eagle Nesting Site | Invasive Plants
2. Forest Beach Migratory Preserve - Restoration as Bird Sanctuary
3. Harrington Beach State Park
4. Lion's Den Gorge
5. Sauk Creek Nature Preserve
6. South Beach Kayak and Canoe Launch
7. Virmond Park - Lake Michigan

It was suggested that the booth be set up at Sauk Creek Nature Preserve. Lesley will get the booth to Marjie from Cedarburg Science. August will send an email regarding volunteers to man the booth.

SEWISC Invasive Species Mapping Project

There are 16 miles we want to cover, the survey is being done. Volunteers are needed to drive the road 16 square miles. Protocols need to be set up and parameters are still needed. GIS system is set for 3 species in the state model.

A motion made by Lesley, second by Andrew, to do a road survey of 16 squares miles of Ulao Creek. Motion carried.

Milwaukee River Keeper Sight Captain Lime Kiln Park.

Marjie mentioned a cleanup taking place at Lime Kiln Park on April 14th and a captain is needed.

Other Business

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be June 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Marjie made a motion, seconded by Tom, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.