

Illinois Upper Rock River Ecosystem Partnership

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Meeting Minutes November 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Jack Armstrong; people in attendance:

Board of Directors

Dennis Anthony, Winnebago County SWCD
Tom Hartley, Winnebago County Forest Preserve
Tom Jencius, Rockton Township
Donna Conley, Homeowner
Jerry Lemmons, Machesney Park

Executive Committee:

Jack Armstrong, Chairman, Audubon, RPD
Josh Sage, Vice Chair, BCCD

Members

Nancy Williamson, IDNR Admin.
Rick Mohaupt, Winnebago Co. Highway Dept.

Visitors

Anne Meyer, Midway Village
Lee Butler, Yellow Creek Watershed
Mary Mohaupt, Sugar Pecatonica Partnership
David Pott, Baetis Environmental

Approval of September 12th Meeting Minutes

The Minutes from the September 12, 2007 meeting were reviewed. Dennis Anthony made a motion to accept the minutes, Jerry Lemmons seconded, and minutes were approved.

New Business

Call for new C-2000 Grant proposals

Anne Meyer representing Midway Village gave a presentation regarding a 15 acre habitat restoration project. Midway Village wants to remove invasive trees and reed canary grass replacing them with native plant materials. Midway Village is looking for feedback from the partnership on how to go about the work. Nancy Williamson is going to try and get an IDNR Heritage biologist to look at the site.

Baetis Environmental

David Pott with Baetis Environmental gave the partnership an update on the work being done on the south branch of Kinnikinnick Creek. A PowerPoint presentation was given on the work already done on the south Branch of Kinnikinnick Creek. Once done he will begin gathering data on Kent Creek.

IDNR Update

The C-2000 program becomes Partners for Conservation January 2008.

Subcommittee Reports

Education and Outreach - vacancy

Planning and development- Dennis Anthony will chair this committee

Preservation - Tom Hartley chairman

Membership/Resources/Services – Matt Warneke Chairman. The website has been set up. If anyone wants to add to the website contact Matt W. via email and he will pass the info on to the web designer.

Funding

Nancy Williamson recommended getting a workshop for the area decision makers on *Conservation Design*. Nancy recommended using support grant funds to pay for the workshop.

Old Business**Winnebago County -2030 Land Resource Management Plan**

Jack Armstrong sent a letter to all county board members explaining the partnerships concerns about the 2030 plan. Jack A. would like to see the partnership at the December or January Winnebago County Board meeting to show support for the 2030 plan.

Meeting was adjourned 7:30 p.m.