

Watershed Oversight Committee Meeting minutes:

11/24/15

Meeting called to order 10:05 at by Rick Twait at SWCD office, Normal, IL

Attendees:

Janet Beach Davis, Rick Nolan, Mike Garthaus, Mike Hall, Kent Bohnhoff, Michael Brown, Rick Nolan, Angelo Caparella, Trent Tolliver, MaryJo Adams, Mike Steffa,

Committee reports:

Biological Committee: Rick for Krista-

4th constructed wetland in Lake Bloomington is underway. The first wetland was damaged in the flooding this year, it has been repaired. The grant for Friends of EverBloom was not awarded. It was for stream reparation and stabilization, and lunker installation along Six Mile Creek. The data has not been compiled from the Mackinaw Basin Survey. The sampling has been completed. MaryJo has several photos of the sampling. There has been a review of work done on Lake Bloomington, and it seemed to be successful despite damage from heavy spring flooding. Lunkers were installed close to the water plant on Lake Bloomington near the stone toe areas by FOE, and it was very successful. Riffle structures have a December 1 start date, weather permitting. Continuing study on stream monitoring with ISU under Dr. O'Reilly. Some new sensors may be installed to include a suspended solids sensors. Hudson blacktop/Money Creek station will be reactivated.

There are ongoing studies on temperature and nutrients coming off fields and the effect this has on the tributaries

Urban Committee: Rick Twait for Phil Dick: There will be a monitoring station at Pipeline Road. There was a behavior study done in the area about knowledge of the watershed. The data is being compiled and analyzed.

Agriculture: Kent will be going to the Decatur office due to reorganization. He will be greatly missed on this committee. There will be someone coming from Livingston County to join the committee.

Other Items:

MaryJo: The septic at the Casey's in Hudson is under discussion to be moved closer to Six Mile Creek. There will have to be a permit, so the McLean County Dept. of Health will have to review it. Any concerns could be directed to the Dept. of Health. They have not been sympathetic to water quality issues in the past.

It was suggested the Bob Yale, Water Director for the City of Bloomington be invited to join the committee.

Angelo has been continuing the mudpuppy study on the Mackinaw River. Sampling shows a decrease in many areas in the watershed. He will also be doing some bat studies along the Mackinaw using a sound detector. He should be able to identify much easier and quickly. There is a study on rails on T-3. Christmas Bird Count is December 19th.

The education contract with EAC is coming up for review. IEPA reviewed three programs and were very happy with what has been done.

Next Meeting: March 10, 2016-at 10:00. Meeting adjourned at 10:53am.