

Watershed Oversight Committee Meeting minutes:

3/10/16

Meeting called to order 10:07 at by Jackie Kraft, SWCD office, Normal, IL

Attendees:

Jackie Kraft, Janet Beach Davis, Rick Nolan, Mike Garthaus, Mike Hall, Angelo Caparella, Trent Tolliver, Rick Twait, Allen Wehrman, Jack Wittman, Julie Weger, Bob Yehl, Phil Dick, MaryJo Adams, Wayne Aldrich

Committee reports:

Biological Committee: no report from Krista

Urban Committee: Phil Dick- Working on monitoring stations on Money and Six Mile Creeks, off Pipeline Road. The Town of Normal has funding for it. Bloomington will be providing funds as well. There needs to be an intergovernmental agreement written. ISU will be installing the sampling station.

Agriculture: Jackie- The public survey has been completed and data will be presented at the Friends of Everbloom meeting. There was a 58% return rate for the survey. Another 319 grant will be applied for to implement concerns that were addressed by respondents.

A 319 grant was submitted for 3000 acres to custom apply nitrogen in the spring to see if how that would change the amount of nutrient loading in the Lake Bloomington watershed. These acres are currently applied in the fall because of a small spring window for application.

There is a cover crop study going on through ISU on two small areas in the watershed. There was also a \$25,000 grant from Syngenta to plant cover crops on the areas disturbed by the pipeline placed through the watershed. They are due to construct the last three on the north side of Money Creek near Route 9 and Lexington Leroy Road. This will complete the grant TNC applied for, and will be six wetlands completed in the area.

Friends of Everbloom: the shoreline grant work was completed. T2 rock riffles will be completed when weather allows.

The T-Transect survey will be completed this year.

SWCD formed a Landowner Advisory Committee to see how upcoming projects will be received by land owners and producers. Subwatershed groups seem to be a way to have landowners feel more connected to the watershed. They also want programs that are available to everyone, not just specific situations (wetlands, single site stream stabilization).

Rick Twait- presentation update to the watershed oversight committee and watershed plans. Forward plans include resaturation areas, wetlands, overland flow vs. base flow, and data about lag time from application to discharge of nutrients in soils. Several ongoing Masters projects are in the watershed that should give us very complete data. There will be an update to the Farnsworth report from 2005 within the next year.

Other Items: The plan still needs to be physically updated. Jackie check into having someone come to give some guidance on updating our plan.

Regional planning will be having their annual meeting. Rick Nolan distributed reminder cards.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2016 at SWCD at 10:00am.