

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed

Plan Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2009
6:30-8:00pm
Oregon Public Library

Attending: Sharon Beall, J. P. Danky, Lynne Diebel, Caroline Werner, Scott Taylor

1. Caroline handed out copies of two items: a letter from Vierbicher about contracting for water resource services and an email from Rochon Construction about contracting for earth moving services.

Agenda

2. Publicity Handout: Lynne brought in the 2009 FBCW handouts. The cost (paid for by the Dane County grant) was \$40.25 for 500 copies printed at the Stoughton UPS Store. Everyone took some to distribute.

3. Project R.E.D.: Lynne told the group about Laura MacFarland's spring invasive species monitoring training program. Most members were interested; Lynne will ask Laura for a more specific date and email it to the group.

4. Stream Monitor: Lynne handed out info on online access to the stream data she's been collecting at Riley Road.

5. MMSD's potential public meetings: Jim told the committee about an opportunity for us to have a voice in MMSD's plans and gain publicity for our group. He proposed hosting three sewerage district educational public open houses: at the Cooksville Town Hall, in Oregon (probably at the bank), and in Stoughton. The events would be held on week nights and Jim would introduce each event. MMSD would fund the publicity and any other costs. MMSD would choose the content; Jim said possible topics may include the chemicals in the effluent, the future of the Badfish as a conduit for the effluent, and the history of MMSD. Jim said they would probably show a brief informational film about their treatment process. Caroline handed out copies of the Sustainable Times with an article about MMSD.

Discussion:

Jim: We'd be an "interested organization" for the duration of MMSD's 50-year plan. Informed, vigorous discussion of the Badfish is advantageous, and public comment affects policy. Nothing affects the Badfish more than MMSD.

Scott: So we'd help them with publicity and they would take away the flow?

Lynne: But the reduced flow would be cleaner flow.

Scott: Except for agricultural runoff.

Caroline: Do we want to side with MMSD against the landowners?

Sharon: We could be advocates for keeping water at its source. We could ask them to use our logo on publicity materials. Is there a way to involve the Janesville contingent, possibly through RRC?

Scott: Will run this by the RRC board at the Feb 23 meeting.

A decision was made that Jim would pursue the possibility.

6. Chapter Agreement with RRC: RRC newsletter said that our chapter status is for one year, but Caroline says we're already a chapter until we want to dissolve and form our own 501(c)(3).

7. Badfish Wildlife Area: Lynne talked with Maureen Rowe in December about projects and the possibility of a Dane County Environmental Council grant. It was decided that Lynne should tell her the wildlife area project will be deferred until 2010.

8. Knotweed Eradication/AIS Grant project: Lynne handed out the current project proposal summary and elaborated on the details, including the need to be flexible about dates and plans. Caroline suggested dragging the cuttings on tarps. Sharon suggested a grill for refreshments. Scott gave Lynne the signed resolution from RRC, authorizing the grant application and said they need a budget

submitted within a week. Lynne should communicate with Lisa Conley about the details and with Jennifer about adding administrative costs (\$18/hour) to the budget. Jim suggested that as the project progresses, we send a note and photographs to Dave Viney, chair of the Town of Porter and a friend of Jim's. Scott agreed to help Lynne with estimating costs for the budget: Lynne will send him a rough draft and he will edit. Lynne will submit the grant proposal by February 1, 2009.

9. Next meeting: Caroline reserved the library room for the Tuesdays of February 10 and March 10 from 6-8. The meetings will be from 6:30 to 8.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne Diebel