

YELLOW CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP, Inc.

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Mission: "To improve the health and diversity of Yellow Creek and its watershed."

To: Board and Partners
From: Lee Butler, President
Re: Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Minutes Thursday, May 21, 2009 Freeport Public Library

Attending: Joe Ginger, Lee Butler, Steve Spudich, Craig Schroeder, Chuck Hartman, Lorna Chezem(Soil & Water), and John Edler

- 1) Lee Butler, president, called the meeting to order at 2pm.
- 2) Members and guests were introduced
- 3) Review of Board Minutes of Nov 20, 2008 were not available.
- 4) Treasurer's Report – no report, we have no money.
- 5) There were no additions of corrections to the Agenda
- 6) Old Business
 - a) Review of By-Laws
 - i) Steve Spudich moved that we accept the current publication of the By-Laws. Chuck Hartman seconded the motion.
 - ii) Discussion – Joe Ginger said that the reason for the lengthy By-Law Publication is that wording has been inserted so we remain compliant with 501C3 regulations, if we choose to apply for this status.
 - iii) The date of May 21, 2009 will be added to this publication. The motion passed 5-0.
 - b) Housekeeping
 - i) At the Nov 20,2008 YCWP meeting, Chuck Hartman accepted the position of Director to fill the vacant seat of Mark Keister. It was not said if Chuck was filling a 1 year or 3 year term at that meeting. After further discussion today, Mark had 1 year left in his 3 year term. Therefore, Chucks term will expire in Nov 2009 as well as; Roger Carson and Steve Spudich. Jack Carey, Craig Schroeder, and Gerald Leary will expire Nov 2010. Lee received an email from Della Moen saying that she will serve as director for one more term. This brings our Director position back to 9.

- c) Non-for-Profit Registration – Lee received an email from the County Clerk stating that YCWP is registered as a Non-For-Profit.
 - d) Yellow Creek Evaluation – Joe said the University of Illinois student has not finished his dissertation. Hopefully that report will be forth-coming.
 - e) Grant Application thru Jane Addamsland Foundation for Study of alternatives to the Krape Park Dam – Lee said that the Jane Addamsland Foundation does not do grants for this type of project.
 - f) Status – Fish Passage Project at Krape Park Dam
 - i) Steve voiced his opposition to the Rock Ramp because the boulders to build the rack ramp will raise the creek level more that 1 foot on an acre of land. The alternative to filling in material below the dam is to go through the lagoon removing material at the east end of the lagoon to create a ramp around the dam. Steve said another solution would be a Bottom Discharge Dam like they have a Neosho, Wi. It reduces siltation and restored fish population above the dam. A scour hole can be eliminated without filling in the entire creek bed. The Neosho dam has no scour hole, and even has a concrete diverter block sticking up below the dam.
 - ii) Lee said that the Krape Park Dam is a Drowning Machine. The dam creates a hydraulic, sucking people and or objects back into the scour hole. The Rock Ramp would eliminate the Drowning Machine.
 - iii) Steve suggested that the Park District put up fences to keep people away from the dam. Joe said the fence would collect to much debris when it floods.
 - g) Downed Trees or Log Jams in Yellow Creek – Joe reported a small jam ¼ of the way from Bolton Road to Freeport. We have not pin-pointed the exact location or the severity.
 - h) Review of grants – past and future – IDNR C 2000 Planning Grant
 - i) Joe quoted, ‘At the last Sugar/Pec meeting it was reported that we can start submitting grants for the new year. Grants for last year will not be funded do to lack of funds. The new IDNR Director, Mark Miller, hopes to get things back on track.
- 7) New Business
- a) Election of Board Director – This has been solved with Housekeeping, item 1 above.
 - b) Election of Officers – Secretary / Treasurer – There were no volunteers to fill this position, so it looks like I will write the minutes.
 - c) 501C3 status – There was some discussion about the cost of getting this status. Do we really need this status since we have no money? Lee will contact Dave Dornbusch at RC&D to see about partnering to gain 501C3 status.

- d) Retail TIF District north of Yellow Creek between Rt26 & Walnut Road – Steve reported that the new TIF District passed. Steve also wrote and emailed out a report about this March Freeport Planning Commission meeting. There was more discussion about the floodplain and zoning changes along Yellow Creek.
 - e) Next Quarterly meeting will be August 20, 2009, 1:30pm at Freeport Public Library
- 8) Steve moved to adjourn the meeting. Chuck seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lee Butler, President