

# Zumbro Watershed Partnership

## February 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes

### Community Center, Oronoco

**Board Members Present**

Jane Bailey, Brandon Bertsinger, Chris Bowron, Ron Fuller, Tom Gosse, Andy Hart, Kyle Ketterling, Eugene McNallan, Vernetta Pahl, Harlan Pahl

**Others present**

Jeff Pilgrim, Dan Schaub, Rachel Uhlenbrauck

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Andy Hart at 7:14 PM.

**Approve minutes of January 08, 2007 regular board meeting**

Tom Gosse moved to approve the minutes of the January 08, 2007 regular meeting. Vernetta Pahl second. Motion carried.

**Open Citizen Board Member Positions**

- 1 – whose term would expire in March 2010
- 1 – whose term would expire in March 2009
- 1 – whose term would expire in March 2008

**Citizen board member nomination**

Andy Hart introduced Dan Schaub as a candidate for the citizen board member position that expires in March 2010. Tom Gosse nominated Dan for the position. Kyle Ketterling second. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report 02/14/2008**

The following report was provided by e-mail from Paul Baessler (Treasurer). This report was not presented at the meeting and is provided here for information only.

**General fund:**

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
\$8,905.45	2.11	-	\$8,907.56

ZWP memberships

**McKnight Grant Fund:**

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
\$38,493.08	\$123.22	\$4,593.75	\$34,022.55

**Category:**

**Further Information**

101 Contract payroll	\$3,183.75	Jennifer Ronnenberg
102 Mileage Expense		\$.485/mile
402 Public Outreach	\$1,410.00	Booth rental for Home Show and AgriNews Farm Show

303/304 Sub Watersheds	-		
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305 Assistant Payroll	-		
403 Materials/Supplies	-		
401 Outreach plan			
Misc expense*	-		
Interest Income	\$125.33	\$123.22 McKnight;	\$2.11 General Fund
Grant Income	-		
Misc. Income	-		

**Expenses Pending:**

101 Contract Payroll	-
102 Mileage**	-
402 Public Outreach**	-
303/304 Sub watersheds**	-
403 Materials/Supplies**	-
402 Promotional supplies	-
Outreach plan**	-
Other*	-

\* General Fund      \*\* Grant Fund

**Committee Reports**

-Membership and Fundraising – Kyle Ketterling: Planning to have a number of special quests and speakers at the annual meeting scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM to 9:00PM. The flyer for this meeting will be sent via email to current members. Please forward to people that may be interested. As part of the membership drive, each member is being asked to send a letter of invitation to 5 people that they believe would be interested in joining ZWP asking them to consider becoming members.

-The Human Resource committee has not met yet – no report.

**Old business**

-501(c)(3) update : No new information to report.

-Report on Rochester Area Builders Home Show – Feb 8-10, 2008

Vernetta Pahl: Considering the weather on Saturday, attendance was pretty good. The rain barrel was a big hit with a lot of visitors.

-Projector for ZWP presentations – Chris Bowron: Researched a number of projector models ranging in price from \$400 to \$1200. We should be able to get one that will do the job for the \$400 to \$700 range. Would like to discuss the requirements with Jennifer Ronnenberg before buying.

-AgriNews Farm Show March 19 & 20, 2008

Andy has discussed with Olmsted County SWCD and they will share cost of the booth. Our share will be \$330. The Whitewater Watershed Project may also join us at the booth. There was a signup sheet for volunteers to help with this show. Please contact Jennifer or Andy Hart if you would like to volunteer.

-Quarry Hill “Creatures of the Deep” March 1-31, 2008. Andy Hart: ZWP may be able to have a display if there is interest. Saturday, March 1 or March 8 may be our best option. We could serve pie like we did last year.

Vernetta Pahl made a motion to approve spending up to \$250 for treats at this event. Kyle Ketterling second. Motion carried.

-Canoe update: There was some discussion as to whether ZWP should buy the canoe from last year’s raffle winner with the intent of using it in another raffle. With no motion to make an offer to purchase the canoe, this item was tabled.

### **Watershed Coordinator’s Report**

Our coordinator was not able to make the meeting tonight, however the February coordinator’s report can be found on [www.zumbrowatershed.org](http://www.zumbrowatershed.org) (in the **About Us** section).

### **New Business**

--Annual meeting Agenda – The meeting agenda is being set by the Membership and Fundraising Committee and will be available soon.

--Discuss Cascade Meadows Wetlands and Science Center project – Andy Hart: There was a meeting (Feb 8<sup>th</sup>) with Greg Munson of that project and from ZWP, Jennifer Ronnenberg, Ron Fuller, Terry Klampe, and Andy Hart to discuss the possibility of ZWP involvement. The project will do research on wetlands, water management, energy conservation and renewable energy. Rochester Public Utilities will be doing a lot of the energy piece. The project is located in Northwest Rochester on about 100 acres immediately to the south of the Rochester Athletic Club.

Kyle Ketterling made a motion to pursue a way for ZWP to be part of this project. Tom Gosse second. Motion carried. Andy will be contacting Greg Munson to continue the discussions.

### **Adjourn**

Brandon Bertsinger moved for adjournment. Kyle Ketterling second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.

The next meeting will be our annual ZWP members meeting and will be from 6:30PM to 9:00PM on Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Oronoco Community Center, Oronoco, MN.

Respectfully Submitted

Andy Hart, Chair  
Ron Fuller, Secretary