

**Zumbro Watershed Partnership  
July 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes  
Oxbow Park, Byron**

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**Board Members Present** Glenn Faith, Muriel French, Ron Fuller, Tom Gosse, Kyle Ketterling, Judy Ohly, Harlen Pahl, Vernetta Pahl

**Others present** (guest) Jim Hruska Dodge County SWCD

The meeting was not called to order due to lack of a quorum (only 7 board members were present for the first hour+).

Kyle Ketterling talked about the upcoming county fairs and the need to get ZWP brochures to the SWCD booths.

Wabasha County Fair – July 15<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>

Olmsted County Fair – July 25<sup>th</sup> thru August 2<sup>nd</sup>

Goodhue County Fair (Zumbrota) – August 11<sup>th</sup> thru 15<sup>th</sup>

Kyle, Harlan, and Tom Gosse will follow up on getting brochures to the fair booths.

Kyle: Plans for August 22<sup>nd</sup> ZWP Picnic at Oronoco Park. Plan to sell burgers and brats. Also will have beans, potato or macaroni salad, and chips. There will be live music.

Kyle: Fund raising. In addition to rain barrels, we have access to a supply of garden hoses that we can get at low cost and sell.

**Partner reports:** Glenn Faith – Kutzky Park – A new beaver cutting has been sited. There was a question as to whether beaver on this stream are being live trapped.

**Jim Hruska presentation:** an update on the Dodge County bio-filter project.

Some of the points:

- The bio-filter is located on Ed Smith's property and was installed in September of 2007.
- It is a 270' long wood chip reactor.
- The tiles for about 28 acres drain thru the filter.
- The filter has a bypass tile, so not all water goes thru the filter, especially during high flows.
- The project has remote sensors for some parameters (such as flow). Sensors for other parameters are being added.
- Tile systems in general allow more nitrates to reach the stream or river. A bio-filter removes some of that.
- Nitrate levels are monitored at the filter inlet and outlet and compared. The results to date have been very encouraging. Nitrate levels are reduced significantly.

- The study continues.

**New Business:**

Glenn Faith gave a summary of a workshop/seminar that he attended regarding the Emerald Ash Borer. Our ash trees are threatened by this beetle. First discovered in Michigan in 2002, there are now some cases in Minnesota.

<http://www.rainbowtreecare.com/> has a lot of information on this problem as well as <http://www.emeraldashborer.info/>

**Following meetings:** August 13<sup>th</sup> - Kruger Park in the Wabasha Area; September 10<sup>th</sup> – Silver Lake Park in Rochester.