

**Zumbro Watershed Partnership
June 11, 2009 Meeting Minutes
Community Center, Oronoco**

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Board Members Present: Merl Norman, Ron Fuller, Al Atkins, Glenn Faith, Ray Romon, Ann Spicer, Harlen Pahl, Vernetta Pahl, Kyle Ketterling, Andy Hart, Muriel French, Jane Bailey, (others that were present Paul, Tom Gosse or Chris Bowron???)

Others Present: Rich Peter, Terry Lee, Jen Dankers

Approve agenda for June 11, 2009 business meeting

It was not recorded who accepted the agenda as published.

Approve minutes of May 14, 2009 business meeting

Vernetta Pahl made a motion to approve them, Al Atkins second. Motion passed. Later in the meeting it was discussed that Muriel French was not present at that meeting, so the minutes should be changed to reflect that.

Treasurer's Report was presented (by Paul??)

\$60.73 to reimburse Katie Dudley for Family Fun Night booth expenses

An undisclosed amount to reimburse Terry Klampe for cake and coffee for Jennifer's farewell

Kyle Ketterling made a motion to approve these expenses, Andy Hart second. Motion carries.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee – Vernetta reported – They are working on setting up a contract to hire a part-time coordinator. Andy Hart has the job description ready and being able to lift 50 lbs is required.

(should this be listed under HR instead?)

Membership and Fundraising Committee – Kyle reported – He would like to request funds for a band for the August 22nd picnic at Oronoco Park. The hours would be from 1 to 10 p.m. A raffle will be offered with the first prize being a hot air balloon ride – the owner of the balloon offered to donate ½ the cost, 2nd and 3rd prizes are still to be determined.

Human Resources Committee – Andy reported – The job description is similar to Jennifer's description, it can be posted tomorrow. It must be posted for 30 days and then open it up to interviewing. The office will be at the Olmsted Soil and Water Conservation District Office thru 2010. Resumes will go to Paul Baessler.

Nomination Committee – Chris and Tom - nothing new

Partner Meeting Reports –

Al Atkins reported – Zumbro River Community Festival 3rd Annual Canoe Race from 4 to 10:30 p.m. on June 27, 2009. More information can be found at www.campvictory.com

Glenn Faith reported – Cascade Creek is murky from a beaver nearby and signs of beaver activity have been seen at Kutzky Park in Rochester

Vernetta Pahl reported – A Soil Conservation Meeting was held in Zumbrota – Goodhue County is pushing to have shoreline buffer strips better regulated

Terry Lee – Terry is asking for \$100 towards cosponsoring a presentation on coexisting with beavers by experts from Beaver: Wetlands & Wildlife. The Whitewater Watershed would be the other co-sponsor of the workshop which is scheduled for the first week in August. Suggested locations include Isaac Walton League Cabin, Camp Victory, Lourdes High School, and the RPU building. Kyle Ketterling made a motion to co-sponsor a Beaver Conflict Workshop, Vernetta Pahl seconded. Motion carried.

Vote on posting the Coordinator position. Andy made the motion, Jane second, motion carries.

Unfinished Business

Upcoming Meetings:

July 9 Oxbow Park, August 13 Kruger Campground, September 10 Silver Lake Park

Speakers will be lined up for each meeting. Outside meetings – food and drink – bottled water

August 22 is picnic and fundraiser at Oronoco County Park

George Poch is contact person for Isaak Walton League

Olmsted Shoreland Buffer Complaint

Ross Hoffman is under contract to talk to and educate those who have land along streams – he is with the Cannon River Partnership.

Jen Dankers from the Wabasha County Soil and Water Conservation District reported that the shoreland ordinance pertains to a state and county level.

Watershed Celebration Event – August 22, 2009

Kyle requested money for a raffle and for the fundraiser

Band - \$1500

Food – pig roast and side dishes

Tent, etc.

Prizes – Segway Tours, Canoe Rentals, Rain Barrels, etc.

Will Charge \$5 to 10 for people to enter and \$20 for families – possibly

Permits for the raffle and printing tickets will be necessary

Andy made a motion for up to \$1500 for a band and food, Merle second, motion carries.

Andy made a motion for up to \$800 for raffle and prizes, Vernetta second, motion carries.

SWAG Grant update – Jen Dankers will meet with Jennifer Ronnenberg on this

New Business

\$20,000 in grant money – tabled until next month – money for a new coordinator

Mark Diettrich is the contact person for the Department of Agriculture. Terry Klampe said Norm Senjem knows about \$10,000 with the MN Pollution Control Agency – a great opportunity for a “project” – Terry will e-mail the details when they are available

Next Business Meeting: July 9, 2009 at Oxbow Park 7-9 p.m.

Jane Bailey made a motion to adjourn, Anne Spicer second, motion carries.

Lois Hackbarth recorded the original notes and Katie Dudley submitted them as minutes