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The regular meeting of the Central Muscatatuck Watershed (CMW) Steering Committee (SC) was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) office. The meeting began promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Members present included:

Steering Committee

Nick Ellis
Daryl Karns, Hanover College
Tom Moore, FMRS

Staff

Casie Auxier
Steve Franklin

Partners

Leanne Whitesell, IDEM
Bob Steiner, Jennings SWCD
Terry Stephenson, HHH

C. Auxier called the meeting to order. Everyone introduced themselves and how they were involved in the first phase of the CMW grant.

Cost-Share Program

S. Franklin handed out the following documents (also attached):

- 💧 Section 319 Cost-Share Program Development Guidelines
- 💧 CMW Cost-Share Program Goals
- 💧 CMW Cost-Share Program
- 💧 CMW Cost-Share Ranking Sheet

The SC discussed in length the process of the cost-share program and how it was going to be implemented, funding cap and percentage funded per landowner. T. Moore asked to have a category added to the CMW Cost-Share Ranking Sheet for landowners in a high priority area of the watershed. S. Franklin agreed to add a high priority question on the ranking sheet with a point value. It was decided that the SC will have the overall approval of all applications that are taken for cost-share. N. Ellis made the motion to approve \$25,000 cap per landowner and a 60/40 match between the grant and the landowner, seconded by D. Karns. Motion passed.

S. Franklin agreed to submit the above documentation to IDEM for approval. Once approval is granted by IDEM applications will be taken.

Update on Contract

T. Stephenson informed the board that the Phase 2 CMW project began on August 27 and that C. Auxier and S. Franklin were hired and began working on September 14. Both Auxier and Franklin will be working out of the Historic Hoosier Hills (HHH) office in Versailles. T. Stephenson also handed out a work list of items that must be completed by the end of the grant in 2012.

L. Whitesell informed the SC if they work on any aspect of the grant to let C. Auxier know so that in-kind can be documented. A total of \$338,437 is needed for in-kind. L. Whitesell also handed out contract information on the CMW grant which included information on the budget, in-kind, quarterly reports and due dates, and a description of the tasks (see attached).

Education Committee

C. Auxier asked the SC if anyone would be interested in being a member of the CMW Education Committee. The committee will be used to help out on Task D of the grant agreement. Some of the items include helping to develop field days and teacher workshop and to market the project. She stated that there would only be a few face-to-face meeting and that the committee would communicate mostly by email or teleconference. She also plans to ask the Soil and Watershed Conservation District Staff that are in the watershed and the 2009 summer interns if they would be interested in sitting in on the committee. Both N. Ellis and D. Karns agreed to participate on the committee. The first meeting date will be decided at a later date but both Ellis and Karns agreed early afternoon would be the best time to meet.

Teleconference/Web Meetings

At the public meeting that was held in July, Troy Jackson, suggested that the SC might look into holding either teleconferences or web meetings for future meetings. It was decided that the SC would do this on an as needed basis.

SC Meeting Dates

The SC will meet on a bi-monthly basis on the second Monday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Jefferson County SWCD unless otherwise stated. The following are the scheduled meeting dates:

- ◆ Monday, December 14, 2009
- ◆ Monday, February 8, 2010 ~ This will also be the first Public Meeting (location to be decided)
- ◆ Monday, April 12, 2010
- ◆ Monday, June 14, 2010
- ◆ Monday, August 9, 2010
- ◆ Monday, October 11, 2010
- ◆ Monday, December 13, 2010

Workshop Idea

N. Ellis recommended that the SC look at holding an Septic System Meeting in Kent. He would like to inform residents the benefits of having a public system. L. Whitesell recommended we contact Lynn Knollen at IDEM. She is in charge of doing workshops and field days regarding septic. It was decided that the education committee would work on this project.

Hanover Rivers Institute

D. Karns informed the SC of some upcoming events at the Rivers Institute, which include:

- ◆ October 18-20, 2009 - Ohio River Basin Consortium for Research and Education (ORBCRE) Conference
- ◆ February 26-27, 2010 - Covering the Ohio River Valley: A Convergence of Scientists and Media - This event will be held at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky.

A meeting will be set up in November for C. Auxier, S. Franklin and T. Stephenson to meet with D. Karns and Dr. Larry DeBuhr, Executive Director of the River Institute, to discuss how the Rivers Institute can help out on the CMW project.

Reported In-Kind

N. Ellis reported that he attended a watershed conference in New Orleans, October 1-4, and discussed the CMW project with other participants at the conference. A total of 2 hours should be documented.

T. Moore reported that the Friends of Muscatatuck River Society held a Fall Stream Clean-Up on October 3, which encompassed Tobias Ford. He stated that he would let C. Auxier know the amount of time that was volunteered and other aspects that were volunteered at that site. Once information is received this event will count for one stream clean-up and also as an in-kind match.

CMW Management Plan

C. Auxier informed the SC that copies of the management plan are available if anyone is interested. The plan is also located at the following locations: HHH office, Jefferson & Ripley SWCD offices, Jefferson & Ripley County Libraries. D. Karns asked for one and C. Auxier agreed to get a copy for him. Also, the plan is still available on the ftp link and C. Auxier is going to try to put it on the HHH website under the CMW page if it is not too large of a file.

With no further business appearing the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next SC Meeting date scheduled is Monday, December 14, 2009, beginning at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District office.

Respectfully submitted,



Casie R. Auxier

Educator

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