

Whitewater River Watershed Steering Committee Meeting



Minutes of October 18, 2018

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Attendees: Heather Wirth, Jon Seymour, Katie Hardin, Tim Hesselbrock, Adam Lehmann, Ben Braeutigam, and Kim Lampert

The meeting began at 10:30 am at the Harrison Library in Harrison, OH. After Heather Wirth, Watershed Coordinator, called the meeting to order, introductions were made. The attendees were then asked for any corrections to the previous meeting minutes. No corrections were made.

Cost-share Applications Review

The committee reviewed 2 new cost-share applications. One application was in a high priority area needing a HUAP and watering system for winter time by his barn. The other application was in a medium priority area and needed a HUAP to feed on in his pasture over winter. The applicant's pasture is very rolling with steep slopes. After reviewing the map and topo of the pasture, the committee decided the planned location for the HUAP seemed like the only option. The committee voted to fund both applications.

Education and Outreach

Heather updated the committee on 3 educational workshops that are planned this fall.

October 22nd – Streambank Erosion Management Workshop – Brookville Public Library – 9:30 am to 1pm – Bob Barr & Silver Jackets will be presenting information on streambank erosion and how to deal with it. They have developed a manual on streambank erosion and will be sharing it with attendees.

November 1st – Stream Permitting and Local Site Stabilization Workshop – Brookville Public Library – 9:30 am to 12:00 pm – Representatives from IDEM, IDNR, and USACE will provide information about their stream programs and permitting process. Bob Barr will be coming back to discuss some local streambank erosion situations and stabilization techniques.

November 19th – Conservation Tillage Breakfast – Dearborn Adult Center – 8:00 am to 11:30 am – Presenters include: Partners with program updates, Robert Zupancic with pasture/hay weed management, Fred Whitford with farm equipment safety on roads, and John Hawley with pesticide poisoning of livestock. PARP & CCH credits are available.

Next Meeting Date/Time

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date depending on number of new cost-share applications received.

With no further business or concerns, the meeting was adjourned.

Heather Wirth

Heather Wirth, Watershed Coordinator