

Whitewater River Watershed Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of September 24th, 2014

<u>Attendees:</u> Chelsea Tooley, Heather Wirth, John Williams, Ben Braeutigam, Kathy Scott, Evan Divine, Tim Hesselbrock, Mike Kohlsdorf, Bruce Koehler, and Brian Bohl

The meeting began at 6:00 pm at the Harrison Library in Harrison, OH. After Chelsea Tooley, Outreach Coordinator, called the meeting to order, attendees were asked to review the previous meeting minutes. No additions or corrections were present so minutes were approved.

Under New Business, Heather Wirth, Technical Coordinator, provided an update on the water monitoring program. The last of the monitoring will finish up in October. Once the data is collected the project staff anticipates a turnaround near spring for the project. When the final data is received, analysis will be added to the management plan.

In regards to the windshield survey information, the committee members were asked to continue working on the windshield surveys and send the results to Heather or Chelsea as they are completed. For questions on the survey, email or contact Heather.

Chelsea Tooley updated the committee about the progress of the Whitewater River Watershed Management Plan. The draft of sections 1-14 was submitted to IDEM at the end of August. The comments should be received by November and the committee will get time for discussion and analysis before the next draft including sections 15-19 is due (March 8th).

Heather Wirth led a discussion regarding watershed signage. There are already some signs identifying the stream and the watershed in Butler and Hamilton counties with a fish logo on them. Members were asked if they would like to try to get permission and the artwork so the watershed signs would match the ones already up or if they would like to create signs with the watershed logo on them. The members decided to try to use the fish logo for the signs and the watershed logo for the storm drain seals.

Before the meeting was adjourned, the upcoming Cleanup was discussed. The project will be cleaning up trash alongside Route 1 in St. Leon. With no further business, discussion points, or

concerns the meeting was adjourned. The next Steering Committee for the Whitewater River Watershed Project was set for November 17th provided meeting space availability.

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