

Whitewater River Watershed Steering Committee Meeting

Minutes of March 19, 2019



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Attendees: Heather Wirth, Jon Seymour, and Katie Hardin

The meeting began at 10:00 am at the Brookville Public Library in Brookville, IN. After Heather Wirth, Watershed Coordinator, called the meeting to order, the attendees were then asked for any corrections to the previous meeting minutes. No corrections were made.

Cost-share Applications Review

The committee reviewed 3 new cost-share applications. Two applications were for high priority areas. One was needing a HUAP and watering system for winter time by his barn and tile to outlet downspouts and for trickle flow. The other high priority area application was for a grassed waterway with outlet. The third application was in a medium priority area and also needed a HUAP and watering system for a winter lot. All 3 applications had ranking scores of 60 points or higher. Next the committee discussed a funded application who wanted to do another practice, a grassed waterway. The applicant has not met the \$8,000 cap yet so the committee approved the additional practice and the other 3 new applications.

Education and Outreach

Heather updated the committee on a grazing field day that is scheduled for April 17th. Ron Lemenager, Robert Zupancic, and Mary Rodenhuis will be the speakers. The grant requires at least 1 more educational workshop/field day to be held. Heather asked committee if there were any topics they would like to see covered in the next year. The committee discussed invasive species and riparian buffers.

Grant Application Update

Heather updated the committee on the status of the 319 Implementation Grant application that was submitted last fall to IDEM. The application ranked high enough at the state level to be recommended for funding with EPA. Notification of final funding decision should be received late spring to early summer. The current grant is funded until May 2020. Heather asked the committee if they would like to set the start date of the new grant, if awarded, to match the current grant's end date or if they wanted to start the new grant as soon as possible. After discussion, the committee decided that waiting until the old grant was over would be the best if possible.

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