

# Whitewater River Watershed Steering Committee Meeting



**Minutes of August 9, 2018**

Whitewater River Watershed

**Attendees:** Heather Wirth, Jon Seymour, Katie Hardin, Tim Hesselbrock, Kelly Crout, and John Kruse

The meeting began at 1:00 pm 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 cost-share applications. The committee voted to move forward with 4 more applications. All 4 applications were in high priority areas. Practices discussed include fencing, heavy use area protection, cover crops, grassed waterway, roof runoff, and wetland. One medium priority area application was discussed and tabled until landowner moves cattle to the property. Approximately \$160,000 of the original \$200,000 will now be allocated.

## Education and Outreach

The committee discussed holding a streambank stabilization and permitting workshop due to the severe streambank erosion that occurred throughout the watershed this past year. They would like to have representatives from the Army Corps, IDEM, and IDNR come and present. Jon Seymour informed the committee the Living Lands and Waters group will be returning to Lawrenceburg to pick up trash along the Ohio River from September 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Implementation Grant

The new implementation grant application is due September 1<sup>st</sup>. Heather asked committee members for any specific tasks or things they want included in the grant application different from the current grant. Kelly Crout asked if the group wanted to add a clean-up site to the Great Miami annual cleanup. The difficulty of getting volunteers to come to trash clean-ups were discussed and nobody knew of a potential site. Committee also discussed hosting a tour to highlight practices installed during the first grant and developing a booklet with interviews of previous cost-share participants along with practices to help educate about best management practices and promote the cost-share program.

## 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