

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2011

Midtown Carnegie Library

Meeting Called to Order at 7:33 AM

Watershed Committee Update— Mr. Murr stated the August 5th presenter is Ms. Armstrong and the C.W. Titus Education Building Ribbon Cutting is July 22nd at 10 A.M.

Review of Minutes—Mr. Murr asked participants to review the June Monthly Meeting minutes and forward any additions or corrections to the Watershed Committee office.

An Overview of Contaminated Site Cleanups Overseen by the Department of Natural Resources' Hazardous Waste Program in the Springfield Area—Evan Kifer, Project Manager, Hazardous Waste Program, Missouri Department of Natural Resources—Mr. Kifer stated he would review the Cleanup Projects Overseen by the MDNR Hazardous Waste Program in the Springfield area. The Superfund section is designed to clean up contaminated property where releases of hazardous substances have occurred in the past or are threatening to occur due to past practice. The federal law requires the past polluters, called responsible parties, to pay for the cleanup. Mr. Kifer presented a map of currently active and closed sites in Missouri. The Brownfields/Voluntary Cleanup Section addresses and handles Brownfield's cleanup and redevelopment for the department, also known as BVCP. Mr. Kifer reviewed active and closed BVCP sites in the Springfield-Greene County area. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) requires owners and operators of hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal (TSD) facilities to investigate and clean up chemical releases to the environment caused by present and past hazardous waste and chemical handling practices. These activities, known as corrective action, reduce risks to human health and the environment. Corrective action can take place under a RCRA permit, a Corrective Action Order, or other regulatory agreement. Mr. Kifer stated there are 49 active cleanup sites and 243 cleanups have been completed.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources Update—Cindy Davies—Ms. Davies stated Director, Sara Parker Pauley, is looking at the idea of watershed based management that focuses on activities and needs in different watersheds such as permitting, water quality inspections, and soil and water projects. This effort is currently in the concept stage. Ms. Davies said the Department is working on an e-permitting project scheduled to be finished in the next year. The Department's Emergency Response Staff has been involved in the Joplin relief efforts since the night of the tornado and will begin scaling back next week, although DNR will maintain a long term presence in Joplin. Ms. Davies stated the Water Protection Forum Stakeholder Meeting is August 16th 10am-2pm at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building in Jefferson City.

Regional Issues—Charlie Burwick thanked Mike Kromrey and the LAD Foundation for their help educating the students at Bull Shoals Field Station. Andy Austin stated sampling has shown there are no zebra mussels in the Pomme de Terre Lake. Ken Knauer said the summer Butterfly Festival at Close Memorial Park is July 16-17th. The Greene Magazine contains the Friends of the Garden newsletter and schedule of events. Joe Pitts said 180 people volunteered at River Rescue and 5 ½ tons of trash was taken out of the river, including 200 tires. Barbara Lucks stated this is the first day of the new Environmental Services Department of the city of Springfield. Ted Hillmer stated the 150th Anniversary of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is August 12-14. Karen McKinnis stated the importance of getting tetanus shot before volunteering in Joplin and there is a heat advisory thru Saturday.

Other Business—none

Meeting adjourned 8:45 a.m.