

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.

320 N. Main Springfield, MO

Work Session Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2012

Members Attending: Michael Bridges, Bill Cheek, Stuart Murr, Ted Hillmer, Leslie Carrier, Robin Melton

Staff Present: Mike Kromrey, Kelly Guenther, Stacey Armstrong

Others Present: Roddy Rogers, Collin Quigley

Mr. Bridges called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

1. **Request for Additional Items**—none.
2. **Staff Update**—Mr. Kromrey stated he was working with Robert Hood on remaining Watershed Center items. He said Robert Hood would conduct a walk through of the building in the spring and keep pertinent records for five years. Mr. Kromrey stated he would host a Volunteer Appreciation Day tomorrow at the Watershed Center and the Board was invited to attend. He asked the Board to e-mail him a rough estimate of their yearly time spent volunteering. Mr. Kromrey stated the building is being used by many groups, including the Master Naturalists, Audubon Society, the Mycological Society and City Utilities is holding their Board Retreat there in March. He said staff and the Board would need to discuss the Grand Opening, which could possibly be planned in late spring. MDC will announce that fishing will be open to the public in March 2012 at Valley Water Mill Park. He said current WCO staff would manage the CIG and Trails grant. Ms. Guenther stated she will wait to schedule the Annual Sponsor Meeting until the new Director is hired.
3. **Corporation Business**
 - a. Meeting Minutes—Minutes from the December Work Session and Monthly Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Bridges moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Cheek seconded. Carried 5-0.
 - b. Financial Reports— Ms. Guenther provided the Capital Campaign balances, the Community Foundation Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss YTD Comparison and the Watershed Committee Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss YTD Comparison.
 - c. New Board Member—Mr. Murr asked the Board if they reviewed the Board applications. Mr. Bridges stated he knew Mr. Lemons and he is well connected and respected in the community. Mr. Murr said Ms. Ailor and Mr. Burwick would also make good Board members as they are knowledgeable and passionate about WCO's mission. Mr. Bridges stated the Board didn't lack people who had passion and suggested the Board needed someone with good community connections. Mr. Quigley stated he would run Mr. Lemons name by Mr. Burris. Mr. Bridges moved for Mr. Murr to contact Mr. Lemons and offer the position and if he declines to contact Ms. Ailor. Ms. Melton seconded. Carried 6-0.
 - d. Elect Officers: Mr. Murr stated he and Mr. Bullard had talked with Mr. Bridges about being Board Chair. Ms. Melton stated she didn't have the time needed to be the Board Chair. Mr. Murr stated he would be Secretary. Mr. Cheek moved to have the slate of Officers Mr. Bridges as Chair, Ms. Melton as Vice Chair and Mr. Murr as Secretary. Mr. Hillmer seconded. Carried 6-0
4. **Other Business**— Mr. Murr moved for a Closed Session to discuss Executive Director Applications. Roll Call Vote: Leslie Carrier-yes, Michael Bridges-yes, Bill Cheek-yes, Stuart Murr-yes, Ted Hillmer-yes Robin Melton-yes.

Meeting adjourned 6:00p.m.

