

***Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.***  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**January 3, 2014**  
**Midtown Carnegie Library**  
Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 AM

**Watershed Committee Update**—Mr. Hoy opened the meeting stating 2014 WCO's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. Mr. Kromrey stated the WCO will be kicking off Cause Momentum campaigns and are planning a big Anniversary event July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Art Museum and a friends/family event in the fall.

**Roll Call**

**Review of Minutes**

**Tri-State Water Resources Coalition Update**—Harry Styron, Director, Tri-State Water Resources Coalition — Mr. Styron stated Bob Nichols formed Tri-State 5-6 years ago because southwest Missouri will need more drinking water with a mission to secure adequate, quality water supplies for the next generation in southwest Missouri, the northeast corner of Oklahoma, and the southeast corner of Kansas. Tri-State Water members include cities, counties, water districts, private water companies, businesses and interested individuals from across the geographic footprint. He said Phase II of the Water Supply Availability Study was complete and identified gaps in the water supply that could occur over the next 40 years. Using the drought in the 50's as the baseline. The study showed there would be a shortage during drought in Joplin in 30 years and a shortage during drought in Springfield in the next 30-40 years and the Gap Analysis used 3 different ranges of population growth over 40 years. Mr. Styron said they have decided not to pursue building new reservoirs at this time but focus on allocation of existing reservoirs. The next stage will be an Allocation Study to see which reservoirs have available water and the cost. The study will perhaps take two years. He said Tri-State members are conservation minded and can encourage water harvesting but it isn't their focus.

**Missouri Department of Conservation Update**—Andy Austin—Mr. Austin said MDC has a comprehensive conservation strategy prioritizing and focusing limited resources on priority areas. In the southwest region that includes the lower Niangua Basin and Bennett Springs area. January 18-19 is Eagle Days.

**Regional Issues**—Tammy Trantham said the MO Smallflows Conference is in Columbia, January 21-22. For more information visit [www.mosmallflows.org](http://www.mosmallflows.org).

**Other Business**— none

Meeting adjourned 8:15 a.m.