

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2014

Midtown Carnegie Library

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 AM

Watershed Committee Update—Mr. Hoy said Dave Coonrod had a special announcement. Mr. Coonrod stated he has always been a supporter of WCO's work and knew his donation would be making a difference. He presented Mr. Hoy with a \$5,000 donation to be the GOLD Sponsor of the 30th Anniversary Celebration on July 12th. Mr. Hoy stated there are WCO 30th Event Sponsor Packages available and copies of the 2013 Annual Report.

Roll Call

Review of Minutes

The Big Urbie (Springfield-Greene County Urban Watershed Stewardship Project) Grant Update—**Stacey Armstrong, Projects Manager, Watershed Committee of the Ozarks**— Ms. Armstrong stated the Big Urbie is a Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant with an objective to improve the water quality and reduce quantity of runoff leaving the Springfield-Greene County urban area, reduce loading of pollutants identified in the 303(d) watersheds, TMDL's and Watershed Management Plans. The grant is a collaboration of seven community partners making it a stronger project. The targeted watersheds are the sub basins of Pea Ridge Creek, Jordan Valley Creek, Fassnight Creek and South Creek improving water quality by best management practices, monitoring, and education. Ms. Armstrong reviewed completed projects and the partners involved including Doling Park: wetland and rain garden improvements, Walnut Streetscape: included infiltration swales, pervious pavement, infiltration inlets, and tree box filters, Campbell Streetscape Project: 3 rain gardens, 444 native plants and tree box filers, Greene County bioswales: 2 bioswales and 67 native plants, Jordan Creek Riparian Corridor Improvements : 22 native trees and 40 native seedlings, and the South Creek Planting: 290 native seedlings. Ms. Armstrong presented projects that are currently underway such as the rain gardens, rain barrels and walkway improvements at Robberson Elementary, harvesting rainwater (1745 gallons) at Grey Gables/Gilardi's, MSU: William H. Darr Agricultural Center Rainwater Harvesting Project in which cisterns will collect 20,000 gallons of water, City Governmental Plaza Stormwater Improvements: bio-retention swales, 1,000 gallon cistern, and native trees and shrubs, City Public Works Operation Center: 20,000 gallon tank, Firehouse #1 at Grand and Holland: pervious pavement, detention basin improvements, rain garden and rain barrel, College Street Roadside Park: pervious pavement and 3 rain gardens, and the Detention Basin Retrofits: detention basin improvements and monitoring inlet and outlet flow. Ms. Armstrong said for more information on the Big Urbie and projects, visit www.bigurbie.org.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources Update—Cindy Davies— Ms. Davies stated 2014 is the 40th Anniversary of MDNR. She said accomplishments include properly disposing of 17M scrap tires, addressing poor air quality, improved water quality, providing financial assistance for nonpoint source pollution, increased educational efforts, livestream technology and stakeholder involvement. Ms. Davies said the Department has a successful history of working with partners and stakeholders. The Our Missouri Waters initiative is working in three pilot watersheds, the Spring River, Sac River and Niangua with a goal of covering all watersheds in five years.

Regional Issues—Gopala Borchelt said Table Rock Lake Water Quality is installing pervious pavement on a 3 acre parking lot in Kimberling City. Rob Hunt said he participated in the Ozark Greenways Link Walk yesterday as it connected trails with stream and community health benefits.

Other Business— none

Meeting adjourned 8:35 a.m.