

*Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.*  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**June 6, 2014**  
**Midtown Carnegie Library**  
Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 AM

**Roll Call**

**Review of Minutes**

**Watershed Committee Update**—Mr. Kromrey said WCO has tickets available for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Springfield Art Museum.

**Freshwater Conservation in Missouri: The Nature Conservancy's Perspective** —Todd Sampsell, Missouri State Director, The Nature Conservancy—Mr. Sampsell said The Nature Conservancy in Missouri is one of the state's leading conservation organizations. Established more than fifty years ago, they have protected almost 150,000 acres of Missouri's natural treasures. The goals of Freshwater Conservation in Missouri are 1) effective conservation, 2) eco-system and people, 3) strong public support, 4) statewide land and water issues, 5) scaled approach. Fine Scale approach includes stream restoration: addressing big problems such as sedimentation and designing stream channel's in a natural way as he said, an ecological benefits approach. The Medium Scale approach includes watershed-scale actions and strategies such as watershed-scale evaluations and watershed-scale restoration and master planning. The Broad Scale approach includes basin planning and water policy. Mr. Sampsell said they just finished the Meramac River Conservation Action Plan which identifies target areas, sedimentation and restoration. He said the Missouri State Water Plan was created in the 1980's and is out of date and in need of updating.

**National Weather Service Update** —Megan Terry— postponed.

**Regional Issues**—Tim Smith said the Frisco Trail celebration is cancelled due to rain concerns. Mona Menezes said the Status of the Watershed Report 2014 is available and next week the Celebration of Clean Water conference will be held in Branson. Dan Hoy said the JRBP River Rescue was cancelled due to the rain.

**Other Business**— none

Meeting adjourned 8:30 a.m.