

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.

Work Session Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2016

Watershed Center

2400 E. Valley Water Mill Rd.

Springfield, MO 65803

Board Chair Eric Dove called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:03pm. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Board Members Present: Eric Dove, Chair, Laura Greene, Vice Chair, Dan Hoy Secretary, Bridget Dierks, Karen Spence

Board Members Absent: Megan McKenna

Staff Present: Mike Kromrey, Kelly Guenther, Rob Hunt

Others Present: Roddy Rogers, Manager Water Resources Proj., City Utilities, Chris Coulter, Greene County Administrator

1. Request for Additional Items— None

2. Corporation Business

a. Meeting Minutes — Minutes from the December Work Session and Monthly Meeting were reviewed. Ms. Dierks moved to accept the minutes. Ms. Greene seconded. Carried 5-0.

b. Financial Reports —Ms. Guenther reviewed the November financials, December financials and year end financials including Balance Sheet, P&L YTD comparison, Cash Flow Summary and Budget vs. Actual spreadsheet. She said the 2015 Audit is scheduled in late February. Mr. Kromrey discussed moving some funds out of the Operating into the Long Term Fund, Watershed Center Account or Money Market Account. The Board suggested waiting a couple of months to move funds into the Long Term Fund. Mr. Kromrey said he would transfer \$10,000 into the Watershed Center Account and \$20,000 into the Money Market Account. The Board agreed on the funds transfer. Mr. Hoy moved to accept the November and December financials. Ms. Dierks seconded. Carried 5-0.

c. 2016 Planning — Mr. Kromrey said he would like to revisit the Strategic Plan this year and look at key questions about projects and the organization in the future. Fundraising for this year will include Give Ozarks Day and the Summer Gala. Mr. Hoy asked if the Gala would have a similar format and Mr. Kromrey said yes, but with music in the auditorium instead of the film festival. Mr. Hoy encouraged Mr. Kromrey to take the initiative and reach out to the Director of OWW and JRBP to discuss a possible joint fundraising opportunity at the new Bass Pro Museum and Aquarium. Mr. Kromrey said he would contact them this week. Mr. Dove asked when the Land Ethic Leadership workshop would be held this year and Mr. Kromrey said in November.

3. Updates

a. Sponsor updates — Mr. Coulter said the funding agreement is signed by CU and the County and he will send it on to the City. He said the County is having discussion how to incrementally increase funding support to the Watershed Committee. Mr. Dove suggested WCO doing dye traces. Mr. Kromrey said this is something the County wanted WCO to continue helping with. Mr. Dove said a developer could pay the cost to dye trace and WCO could do the work. He will follow up with Kevin Barnes and Chris Dunaway. Mr. Rogers said water storage is 100% and CU is using the Source Protection Plan-2 wells have been plugged and hydrilla is being treated.

b. Staff Updates — Mr. Kromrey said the 417 article Rising Tide was okay and passed the magazine around the table along with the new Slime Molds of Valley Water Mill Park book by Mark Bower. The boardwalk repairs are complete and Parks is waiting on good weather to start on the fishing piers. He said Ms. Armstrong is holding the Our Missouri Waters meeting in Willard tonight and he is heading there after the meeting. He applied for a Hulston Family Foundation grant to either use for the Long-Term Fund sustainability or education projects at the Watershed Center. The Sponsor Meeting is April 8th 7:30am at

the Busch Building Room L45. Mr. Kromrey said the Annual Report will be ready by next Work Session meeting and the Little Sac grant is being audited on January 26th. He welcomed Ms. Spence to the Board.

Other Business — None.

Mr. Hoy made a motion to close the meeting. Ms. Dierks Seconded. Carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned 6:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Kelly Guenther