

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2016
Midtown Carnegie Library
Meeting Called to Order at 7:35 AM

Watershed Committee Update—Mr. Dove opened the meeting. Mr. Kromrey said the Watershed Summer Gala is a couple of weeks away and tickets are available to purchase the meeting. He recognized Janet Hicks for her retirement from the Springfield-Greene County Health Department.

Roll Call

Review of Minutes — June minutes were reviewed.

“Overflow Control Plan”—Errin Kemper, City of Springfield — Mr. Kemper said the Integrated Plan (IP) for the Environment is a collaborative effort of the City, Greene County and City Utilities. The Integrated Plan has a Technical Team made up of professionals from the City, County and CU and a Citizen Environmental Priorities Task Force. The plan has a holistic approach to examine environmental resources in regards to air, land and water. The focus of the wastewater portion of the IP has been on the sanitary sewer system and stormwater. Springfield has 1,200 miles of pipes and 28,000 manholes that drain to two award winning treatment plants. Sanitary Sewer Overflow is caused when stormwater overflows into the sanitary sewer system. The Springfield Overflow Control Plan was submitted in 2014 and approved by DNR in 2015. Mr. Kemper said there are two ways to eliminate stormwater overflow: 1) keep the stormwater out [InAUX & Infiltration (I&I)] and/or 2) make the pipes bigger. Since only part of the sewer system is owned by the public, the City created the Private Sewer Repair Program with a goal of keeping rainwater out of the system at no cost to the homeowners. He said through this program over 4,600 properties have been evaluated and over 2,000 sources of rainwater removed. There is also work being done on public system improvements including pipe rehab and renewal. Mr. Kemper said spending between 2016-2020 will be focused on pipe renewal, MS4 compliance, Private I&I abatement, and program costs. He said more information on the Integrated Plan can be found on the City’s website.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources Update— Kevin Hess— Mr. Hess said DNR’s new Fiscal year starts today. Locally in southwest Missouri, the Our Missouri Waters initiative in the Sac River with Watershed Committee as the partner, engaged over 150 residents and 25 citizens sat on the Advisory Committee. He said the Niangua initiative hosted 4 meetings with over 200 residents and 23 citizens sat on their Advisory Committee. One of this year’s Our Missouri Waters focus area will be the Little Osage in Vernon County,

Regional Issues—Tammy Trantham thanked everyone who helped out with GLADE including WCO’s Mike Kromrey and intern Clarissa Hatley. Ted Hillmer said the Solar Car Challenge will make a stop at Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield on August 3rd and will be Republic High School the evening of August 2nd. Barbara Lucks said the Butterfly Festival had over 2,000 in attendance last weekend. Andy Austin said the MDC Director is retiring and an interim Director has been announced. There is a ban on feral hog hunting on MDC lands. Brent Stock said JRBP’s River Rescue pulled 1,500 pounds of trash out of the James River.

Other Business— none

Meeting adjourned 8:30 a.m.

Minutes taken by Kelly Guenther