

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.
Work Session Meeting Minutes

July 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 5:10pm. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Board Members Present: Eric Dove (Chair), Dan Hoy (Secretary), Karen Spence, Bridget Dierks.

Staff Present: Mike Kromrey, Kelly Guenther, Jeff Birchler, Stacey Armstrong

Others Present: Tim Smith (Deputy City Administrator), Chris Coulter (County Administrator)

1. Request for Additional Items—None.

2. Corporation Business

a. Meeting Minutes — Minutes from the June Work Session and Monthly Meeting and were reviewed. Mr. Kromrey noted a correction to the Work Session minutes, under 3.b. Staff Updates, RCPP-Mr. Kromrey said there isn't any money to help with staff supporting the RCPP program. Mr. Hoy moved to accept the minutes with the correction. Ms. Spence seconded. Carried 4-0.

b. Financial Reports — Ms. Guenther reviewed the June financials including Balance Sheet, P&L YTD comparison, Cash Flow Summary 2016 and Cash Flow Summary 2015. Mr. Dove said expenses are still trending higher than last year. Ms. Guenther said she would present a Profit & Loss YTD Previous Year Comparison. Ms. Dierks moved to accept the financials. Mr. Hoy seconded. Carried 4-0.

c. Draft 2017 Budget — Mr. Kromrey said he and Ms. Guenther worked on the 2017 Draft Budget which is attached. Payroll includes \$4000 for interns and flexibility for staff raises after end of the year reviews. Travel and mileage are combined under one account. He will confirm with Mr. Rogers about City Utilities sponsor support increase to \$200,000. The budget is in red. The board suggested raising fundraising up to \$30,000 to get the budget in the black. Mr. Kromrey said he would make the changes and re-present the budget in August. Mr. Birchler said he and Mr. Kromrey have a meeting with Errin Kemper and Carrie Lamb with the City to discuss what the City would like to see as far as education and outreach efforts. Mr. Dove stated to increase \$10,000 in fundraising and put the remaining \$900 into Education and Outreach and submit the budget in black at the August Work Session.

d. Board member selection—Mr. Kromrey said he and Ms. Dierks met with Samantha Mosier. She works at MSU in Public Policy. Mr. Kromrey said Steve Prange is very excited about Watershed Committee's work and interested in the board position and he spoke with Ron Paxton from Dairy Concepts who has a Human Resources background. Mr. Kromrey said he spoke with Jamie Presley with KY3 but she doesn't have the time. Mr. Kromrey said he could reach out to Jason Hainline to see if he is still interested. The board agreed he would be a good fit. Ms. Dierks said Steve Prange also looks like a good candidate. Mr. Coulter said new procedures are in place and WCO's front runner applicants must be given to the Commissioners. They will then interview the applicants and give their selection. He said Marilyn Elsass sent out the policy change. Mr. Coulter asked Mr. Kromrey to email him the boards top applicants resumes and he will get them in front of the Commissioners. Ms. Dierks asked if the board has final decision or the County and Mr. Coulter said the County has final decision.

3. Updates

a. Sponsor updates — Mr. Smith said the City is looking for a new Finance Director and he approves of the meeting with Carrie Lamb and Errin Kemper. Mr. Coulter said the County's funding for 2017 is good. He said he can't guarantee anything for 2018 as funding will hinge on a General Revenue tax passing in April 2017. (which depends on the

financial advisory task force recommending the tax be put on the ballot). He said to put zero in the 2018 budget for the County. Mr. Coulter said the County needs volunteers to help with 2016 elections and the information is on the County Clerks page of the County website.

b. Staff Updates

- Mr. Birchler said the SPS Explore second session is in progress with 350 kids making four trips to the Watershed Center. There is discussion of expanding this throughout the school year. Mr. Hoy asked if the SPS program drives expense to WCO. Mr. Kromrey said part of Clarissa Hatley's intern expense is spent of the SPS program but other expenses are minimal. Mr. Birchler said there are lots of field trips scheduled for the rest of July and numbers are up this year for students. Mr. Hoy said leveraging an angle with the WOLF School would be a logical extension. Mr. Dove suggested homeschool groups. Mr. Birchler said there is a big homeschool fair out here. Mr. Kromrey said the one this spring involved multiple groups. Mr. Dove asked to be sent information. Mr. Birchler said he is working with Aaron Scott on the interpretive signage and the goal is to have it completed in September. Ms. Armstrong said the Our Missouri Waters meetings are finished, they started in November and the last meeting was in May. From these meetings the "Healthy Watershed Plan" will be created. She said the report is due August 31st. The information will go into the Missouri DNR state-wide water plan. The goal of OMW was to engage local people and this was accomplished. Ms. Armstrong said now it will be up to those citizens to take on and do the recommendations provided. Mr. Dove asked if WCO maintains these contacts and Mr. Kromrey said there aren't funds. Ms. Armstrong said the plan is meant for five years and then they can look back and see what has been implemented and what has changed. Ms. Guenther said she is promoting the Gala through Facebook and twitter. Mr. Kromrey asked the board to help him get people in the auditorium at 7:30pm at the Gala.

Other Business — None

Meeting adjourned 6:30pm
Minutes submitted by Kelly Guenther