

## **Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.**

### **Work Session Meeting Minutes**

March 8, 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 5:09pm. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

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

Board Members Absent: Laura Greene, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Mike Kromrey, Kelly Guenther, Rob Hunt, Stacey Armstrong

Others Present: Tim Smith, Deputy City Manager

**1. Request for Additional Items**— None.

**2. Corporation Business**

**a. Meeting Minutes** — Minutes from the February Work Session and Monthly Meeting were reviewed. Ms. McKenna moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Hoy seconded. Carried 5-0.

**b. Financial Reports** —Ms. Guenther reviewed the February financials including Balance Sheet, P&L YTD comparison, Cash Flow Summary. She said as agreed upon in the previous Work Session, \$20,000 was moved into the Money Market from the Operating Account and \$10,000 was moved into the CFO Watershed Center Account from the Operating Account. The Board discussed moving funds into the Long Term Fund and decided they were okay with it either way and to leave the decision up to Mr. Kromrey. Mr. Dove asked if Ms. Guenther would add a monthly budget and past years' comparison to the financials. She agreed. Ms. Dierks moved to accept the financials. Mr. Hoy seconded. Carried 5-0.

**c. Selection of Choose Environmental Excellence recipient** — The Board and Mr. Kromrey agreed Jon Williams was an excellent choice for the award.

**d. Contract Agreement with Springfield Public Schools** —Mr. Kromrey handed out the contract between WCO and Springfield Public Schools (SPS) for the Explore Summer Program which had been reviewed by Laura Greene and her colleague at Husch Blackwell. There is no financial component; no cost to either party. Mr. Hunt said he worked with curriculum designers and every class will have a teacher plus two teachers along to help. He will help if needed but SPS is responsible for the field trips and the kids won't be in the building. There will be about 100 kids a day Monday through Friday in June and July. Each group will be here 2 ½ hours with no kids over the lunch hour: 9:30am-11:30am and 1:30pm-3:30pm. He has offered to train the teachers here at the Watershed Center. Ms. McKenna asked if SPS will have identified measures of success. Mr. Hunt said he didn't know. Ms. Spence agreed it would be ideal if there would be access to data about the success of the program. Mr. Dove said it would raise our field trip numbers. Mr. Kromrey said this partnership is a logical next step. He will check in with SPS and ask about evaluation and learning outcomes. A WCO specific release form will be developed prior to summer school. Ms. Dierks made a motion to approve the contract between WCO and SPS for the Explore Summer Program-Summer, 2016. Ms. Spence seconded. Carried 5-0.

**e. Structuring of strategic planning efforts for 2016** — Mr. Kromrey said he previously emailed the Strategic Plan to the board for review. He and the staff also reviewed the plan and made suggestions and updates. He would like the board involved and asked if they would prefer discussions after the regular work sessions or a one-time discussion with a facilitator. The board agreed on a one-time discussion with a facilitator and perhaps at another location. Mr. Hoy suggested the Ozark Mill. Mr. Smith recommended bringing in the sponsors for a portion of the discussion. The board agreed a week day in early summer would be ideal. Mr. Kromrey will continue working on the details.

### **3. Updates**

a. **Sponsor updates** — Mr. Smith a County sales tax will be voted on in the spring to be put on the ballot.

b. **Staff Updates**— Mr. Kromrey said Ms. McKenna’s board position will be opening upon her moving out of state in the next couple of months. The board discusses possible candidates and opening it up and checking by-laws. Ms. McKenna is a County appointee. Mr. Kromrey said he and Ms. Guenther are gearing up for Give Ozarks Day and the Summer Gala. The fundraisers will help update interpretive signage and the trails around Valley Water Mill Park. Mr. Hunt said he expects more field trips to book after spring break. Ms. Armstrong said 21 people attended the February Sac River Watershed Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting was facilitated and problems and concerns were discussed mainly relating to agriculture, drinking water and recreation. The committee is taking a tour of the Stockton Dam on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The next committee meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Business — None.**

Mr. Dove made a motion to close the meeting. “I move that this meeting be closed, and that all records and votes, to the extent permitted by law, pertaining to and/or resulting from this closed meeting be closed under Section 610.021, subsections 1 and 3, RSMo, for the purpose of discussion of staff reviews of individual employees.” Mr. Hoy said aye. Ms. Dierks said aye. Ms. Spence said aye. Ms. McKenna said aye.

Meeting adjourned 6:07 pm

Minutes submitted by Kelly Guenther