

**Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**March 4, 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 Committee will be a part of Give Ozarks Day on May 3rd. He recognized HDR Engineering and Commercial Metals Company as early sponsors.

**Roll Call**

**Review of Minutes** — February minutes were reviewed.

**“United States Geological Survey: Missouri Water Quality Update”**—John Schumacher, United States Geological Survey (USGS)— Mr. Schumacher said he works in the USGS-Missouri Water Science Center in Rolla. One of the USGS projects in Missouri is the Streamgauge Network. This consists of dozens of cooperators, 261 stream sites and 3 springs: Bennet, Big and Greer. He said the USGS and the MO DNR work together on the groundwater network which includes 168 real-time wells. Missouri has on the leading real time Groundwater Networks in the country. One of the groundwater wells is located at the Watershed Center. Mr. Schumacher said there are several special scientific investigations around the state including a study in Kansas City looking at sources of fecal bacteria in rural urban settings and the Missouri River Basin Initiative looking at the effectiveness of Best Management Practices in agricultural settings. He said in the Ozarks area there is a 2016 Ozark Aquifer Quality study. He said the USGS has continuous nutrient monitoring sites and this could be integral in the nutrient trading discussions. He said real-time information can be found on the USGS website, [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov).

**Missouri Department of Natural Resources Update**—Cindy Davies — Ms. Davies said next year is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Missouri State Parks. The Youth Education Programs website will go live in a few weeks. The winter issue of Missouri Resources is out, the Parks, Soils & Water tax will be up for renewal this fall. There have been multiple Nutrient Trading Stakeholder Meetings in Jefferson City and the draft framework from those meeting will be completed in June 2016.

**Regional Issues**—Ted Hillmer said April 23<sup>rd</sup> there is a clean-up on Wilson’s Creek, Arts in the Park is in May and 2016 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Parks. Barbara Lucks said April 30<sup>th</sup> is Drug Take Back Day, April 23<sup>rd</sup> is a shredding event, and April 29<sup>th</sup> is the Choose Environmental Excellence luncheon. Dave Coonrod said JRBP’s big event is June 11<sup>th</sup> back at Finley River Park and KY3 is a sponsor. Charlie Burwick said a young lady in the GLADE program was the Youth Conservationist of the Year. GLADE is a project of the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society and MSU. He said WCO staff comes out to teach water quality to the students. The Master Naturalist awarded Rob Hunt an honorary membership. Bridget Dierks said the Community Foundation will hold the second Give Ozarks Day on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and there will be prizes for conservation and environmental organizations this year.

**Other Business**— none

Meeting adjourned 8:30 a.m.

Minutes taken by Kelly Guenther