

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2014
Midtown Carnegie Library
Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 AM

Roll Call

Review of Minutes

Watershed Committee Update—Mr. Kromrey recognized Paul Obermann with Commercial Metals Company for becoming a WCO Sustaining Sponsor and Bronze Sponsor of the 30th Anniversary event and Bass Pro Shops for donating Discover Packs that will be used on educational field trips at the Watershed Center. Mr. Kromrey said WCO received a Little Sac Restoration and Improvement 319 Grant, \$480K, 60% and 40% match that will include riparian restoration, prescribed grazing and stream restoration.

Riparian Restoration and Protection: 4 Years of Implementation—Joe Pitts, Director, James River Basin Partnership and Terry Whaley, Director, Ozark Greenways—Mr. Pitts stated the Riparian Corridor and Restoration Project was made possible by a grant received by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources in 2009, \$1M in total value. The targeted protection area was 10 miles of riparian corridor and donated easements for perpetuity. Completed projects include River Bluff Farm in Stone County, approximately 5 linear miles and Wilson's Creek above the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Greene County, approximately 2 linear miles. River Cut Golf Course and Kreider Park in Greene County is nearly complete, approximately 2 linear miles and pending is South Creek, near Darr Agricultural Center, approximately 2 linear miles of stream naturalization, reforestation and fence adjustments.

Natural Resources Conservation Service Update—Michael Squires— Mr. Squires gave an update of the 2014 Farm Bill.

Regional Issues—Barbara Lucks said April was packed full of Earth Day events. Tammy Trantham said she has left Table Rock Lake Water Quality.

Other Business— none

Meeting adjourned 8:35 a.m.