

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 1 2015
Midtown Carnegie Library
Meeting Called to Order at 7:30 AM

Watershed Committee Update—Ms. Dierks said Community Foundation of the Ozarks first-ever Give Ozarks day is May 5th and encouraged everyone to give online that day in support of their favorite non-profits. The Watershed Committee is participating and is raising funds to help repair the boardwalk and fishing piers at the Watershed Center. Mr. Kromrey said the Watershed Summer Gala is Saturday, July 18th at the Springfield Art Museum and will include the Wild and Scenic Film Festival, Mother's beer, local art auction and a local food menu.

Roll Call

Review of Minutes

"Performance Based Water Conservation with WERS"—**Mike Collignon, Green Builder Coalition**— Mr. Collignon said he is the Executive Director of the non-profit Green Building Coalition in St. Louis, Missouri, which he co-founded in 2010. The Water Efficiency Rating Score or WERS was developed by The Green Builder Coalition in cooperation with Build Green New Mexico (BGNM), Santa Fe Area Home Builders Association (SFAHBA) and members of the City of Santa Fe Water Conservation Committee (SFWCC). WERS is a water modeling software that generates a Water Efficiency Rating Score (WER). WERS will be primarily used for new and existing homes for now; a commercial version is planned in the future. Mr. Collignon said WERS will provide a measurement and incentives to increase participation in conservation efforts from the public. He said benefits of using WERS include potential financial incentives by reducing water and energy fees and potential tax credit fees as well as promoting water conservation. There are 13 WERS pilots in 9 states that include indoor and outdoor water usage. Scores on water usage can range from 0 (least) to 100. Mr. Collignon said he hopes to have the WERS program available on the market within four months. For more information, visit the greenbuildercoalition.org website.

Missouri Department of Conservation Update—Andy Austin — Mr. Austin said he is currently working on spring reservoir sampling and wrapping up the hydrilla tuber sampling. The hydrilla tuber sampling project is in the budget for next year as well and may go statewide. Tomorrow is Kids Fishing Day in Bennett Springs and May 16th in Roaring River State Park.

Regional Issues—Gail Melgren said Tri-State is making progress on their water supply research for the southwest Missouri area and they will have their water conference this fall to discuss water quantity and water quality. Barbara Lucks said Medicine Take Back Day is tomorrow. Stacey Armstrong said WCO was awarded a one year Our Missouri Water contract and she will be the project manager.

Other Business— none

Meeting adjourned 8:30 a.m.