

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2016
Watershed Center

Meeting Called to Order at 7:35 AM

Watershed Committee Update—Mr. Dove opened the meeting.

Roll Call

Review of Minutes — September minutes were reviewed.

Barbara Lucks Recognition— Mr. Dove recognized Ms. Lucks many accomplishments over her career at the City of Springfield and presented her with a Water Warrior award.

Watershed Committee Staff Updates— Mr. Kromrey elaborated on the mission of the WC and the connection to the Watershed Center. He thanked everyone for their support and spreading the word about clean water within our community. Mr. Birchler introduced himself as the new Watershed Center Coordinator and said he has hit the ground running. He summarized the many field trips at the Watershed Center and outreach events in the community since he began in late May. Mr. Parnell, introduced himself as the Watershed Center Habitat Improvement Specialist. His job was made possible by a grant through the Missouri Department of Conservation. He is working to restore the natural communities of the Watershed Center and remove invasive species. Ms. Armstrong Smith presented on the Our Missouri Waters projects she is managing and the Little Sac 319 grant which she will take over when the OMW projects is completed October 31st. Ms. Guenther discussed the new website, social media and Watershed Center rentals and use.

National Weather Service Update—Megan Terry —Ms. Terry said overall for the year, the Springfield area is about 5 inches below normal for rainfall. The heaviest rainfall from June to September was in the month of July. She gave an overview of the flood events on June 23rd, July 13-14th and September 16th. The Climate outlook for the next three months is above normal temperatures and below normal rainfall.

Regional Issues—Ms. Lucks said her reception is October 14th, 2pm-4pm at the Busch building. Tamera Jahnke recognized Ms. Armstrong for her participation on the STEM panel at MSU. Ted Hillmer said Wilson's Creek National Battlefield is hosting the Envirothon this year in November. Dave Coonrod said the Annual Water Conference is October 20-21st.

Other Business— none

Meeting adjourned 8:30 a.m.

Minutes taken by Kelly Guenther