

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.

Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2017

Midtown Carnegie Library

Ms. Greene called the meeting order at 7:30 AM

Agenda

Roll Call

Review of Minutes—May minutes were reviewed.

Watershed Committee Update—Mr. Kromrey said the Watershed Summer Gala is July 15 and the WCO received a Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative grant.

“The True and Colorful Tale of the Sac River Revenant,”— Dan Chiles — Mr. Chiles said in 2015 he and his family began negotiating to lease/purchase 20 acres along the Sac River, just west of Springfield, Missouri. Working with the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the National Resources Conservation Service, they fenced out the cattle from the river and removed tons of debris from the river. He said they drilled a well to provide the cattle with water and planted 5,000 native trees to restore the riparian corridor to protect the River. Their Spring-fed Sac flows north to Stockton Lake as a major source of water for people in our region. Mr. Chiles said this project is good for thousands of citizens along with the trees, birds, fish and many smaller critters that call this wonderful resource their home. For more information, visit www.sacriverrevenant.weebly.com

Missouri Department of Natural Resources Update — Kevin Hess— Mr. Hess said the Department has been offering disaster assistance and clean up around the state in communities affected by flooding. He said Youth Education Outdoor day in Jefferson City is coming up and June 19 is Pollinator Week and the Department will be hosting events in Jefferson City June 21-22.

Regional Issues — Andy Austin said June 10-11 is Free Fishing Weekend in Missouri. Kids Fishing Day at Bennett Springs is June 10 and the Shepard of the Hills Hatchery fishing event is June 10 from 10am-2pm. Darlene Haun said the James River Basin Partnership is holding a trash cleanup along Galloway Creek tomorrow morning at 9am. Christa Gammon said June 17 is James River Basin Partnership’s River Rescue, June 10 is the Finley River Jam, and September 30 is the Sunset Soiree. Mona Menezes said Branson will be a part of Pollinator Week by expanding a section of urban meadows with native plants.

Other Business— none

Meeting adjourned 8:30 a.m.

Minutes taken by Kelly Guenther