

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2017
Midtown Carnegie Library
Ms. Greene called the meeting order at 7:30 AM

Agenda

Roll Call

Review of Minutes—June 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.

“Bass Pro Shops Sustainability Program; A Model in Shared Values,”— Dan Hoy, Director of Facilities, Bass Pro Shops — Mr. Hoy said he began working for Bass Pro Shops in 1982 as a janitor and groundskeeper while working on his Industrial Management degree. Today there are 13 million square feet of facilities, with an additional 9.4 million square feet with the acquisition of Cabela’s. He said promoting resource conservation and sustainability is at the core of the Bass Pro Shops mission. He said John Morris and his family have promoted a conservation ethic not to squander resources and to reduce, reuse and recycle. Bass Pro Shops facilities management program is built on a sustainable platform. He said the success of the program is rooted in shared values. Employees are on board with conservation efforts in house and encouraged to get involved in their communities. From accounting, to stewardship of animals, to taxidermy and acquisitions, central services, to sustainability and energy management, to a measured solid waste program, Bass Pros Shops is committed to conservation and sustainability throughout the organization. Mr. Hoy said John Morris created this conservation ethic and his values are shared and exercised through the company.

National Weather Service Update — Megan Terry— Ms. Terry said the precipitation year-to-date to for south central Missouri up to June 30 was over 40 inches of rain, which is the average yearly total. Severe weather from March 1 – June 5 included 549 severe weather reports, 44 tornados, 242 wind damage reports (58 mph or higher) and 263 hail reports (quarter size or bigger). Ms. Terry said the April 29-May 5 flood included six flash flood emergencies, isolated areas receiving 12-15 inches, widespread areas receiving 4-8 inches and 5 record stages of river flooding. The climate outlook for July – September is wet for another month and higher than average temperatures.

Regional Issues — Ronna Haxby said the Ozarks Water Watch Status of the Watershed Report 2016 is out. Debra Wilson said the Maker Faire is August 26 in Springfield. Karen McGinnis said WCO and the Health Dept. partner in sampling summer stream swimming spots. Results are on the Health Dept. website.

Other Business— none

Meeting adjourned 8:20 a.m.

Minutes taken by Kelly Guenther