# Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.

**Monthly Meeting Minutes**

# April 2, 2021

Via Zoom

**Agenda**

**Review of Minutes**—December minutes were reviewed.

**Watershed Committee of the Ozarks Update** — Mr. Kromrey said WCO is working with the City on the Clean Green Initiative, via a grant from the CFO. WCO will be giving away native plants to participants in community clean up events. Visit the City’s website for a full list of Clean Green Initiatives, locations and how to volunteer. He said Fellows Lake is going well, hoping the marina will be completed by Memorial Day, as soon as the lake reaches 55 degrees, we will begin renting kayaks and canoes.

**Presentation: MSU Sustainability Program,** Doug Neidigh, MPH, REM, CEA, Sustainability Coordinator, Missouri State University: Mr. Neidigh said MSU has had sustainability programs on its campus for many years; including academic programs, residence life, programs, and campus operations. As a Public Affairs University, MSU is not only focused on sustainability on campus but also becoming a regional resource for sustainability that provides experiential learning opportunities for the students. Mr. Neidigh said MSU Sustainability programs include Campus Sustainability Academic Programs, Waste Audit and Management Plan, Campus Energy Management Plan, Sustainable Leaders Program, Recycling and getting students working on programs in communities. He said MSU students have local sustainability projects with the City of Willard, the Community Partnership of the Ozarks and mentoring local high school sustainability groups. MSU also has statewide sustainability projects and international programs.

**Natural Resources Conservation Service Update:** Diana Sheridan: Ms. Sheridan said the NRCS Missouri Cost-Share Program is one of the best seven in the country. The program integrates soil and water conservation practices and helps agricultural producers maintain and improve their existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities to address priority resources concerns. They will be hosting grazing schools this spring, some in person and some virtual.

**Regional Issues**: Todd Wagner said he started his own company, Wagner and Associates, providing water, civil and environmental engineering solutions. Tim Smith said JRBP is hosting an Earth Day Clean Up on April 22, River Rescue is scheduled for June 12 and they have septic pump out rebates. JRBP will have a weekly float series beginning this summer. Christy Wilder said WCO’s Watershed Natives plant sale is May 8 at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. The sale is online only through the WCO Watershed Natives store.

**Other Business**—None.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 a.m.

Minutes taken by Kelly Guenther