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**UNION /VIRGIL DITCHES & EAST BRANCH OF THE KISHWAUKEE RIVER
WATERSHED STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

September 11, 2013

The Union /Virgil Ditches & East Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed Steering Committee (WSC) met on September 11, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the DeKalb County Administration Building, in Sycamore, Illinois. In attendance were Committee members Paul Miller, Anita Zurbrugg, Dean Johnson, Roger Steimel, Diana Kamysz (for Committee Member Jeremy Lin), Donna Prain, Nathan Schwartz, and Adam Norton (for Committee Member Brian Gregory). Also in attendance were Mike Konen, Norm Beeh, Jim Sparber (Baxter Woodman), Deanna Doohaluk and Jeff Wickenkamp (Hey & Associates), and Rebecca Von Drasek.

1. **Roll Call** -- *Karen Miller was absent.*
2. **Approval of Agenda** – *Mr. Schwartz moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Miller, and the motion carried unanimously.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** -- *Mr. Miller moved to approve the minutes from July 10, 2013, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, and the motion carried unanimously.*
- 4.-7. **Water Resources Inventory Status** (Additional Data Collection, Modeling Options, and Identified Problem Areas)

Ms. Doohaluk updated the Committee as to the progress of the Water Resources Inventory report. She explained that a draft version of the report was provided to IEPA, and that IEPA staff requested a detailed stream inventory. However, she noted that the 319 grant application had not included funding for this research and that IEPA had agreed that the additional work is not required for this watershed project. Ms. Doohaluk informed the Committee she would ask IEPA to put in writing that the stream inventory was not necessary for the successful completion of the Watershed Plan.

Ms. Doohaluk did a short PowerPoint presentation for the Committee. The presentation updated the accomplishments of the Plan project to date, and highlighted two suggested modeling approaches PLOAD and HEC-HMS. Ms. Doohaluk explained that PLOAD would provide a good model of pollutants and HEC-HMS would provide information about the quantity of water. She noted that 45 sub-basins had been identified and the modeling would show how the sub-basins within the watershed function.

The Committee and TAC members briefly discussed the models and confirmed that they would support these two options.

Ms. Doohaluk agreed to provide draft goals and objectives for the Watershed Plan to the Committee at the October meeting. She also provided a spreadsheet of the known problem areas which were taken from the information gathered at the Spring workshops. Mr. Miller noted that this list was previously provided to the members. The Committee agreed to review the spreadsheet and provide comments at the October meeting.

8. Watershed Tour -- Ms. Zurbrugg highlighted the upcoming bus tour and encouraged attendance. She provided the Committee with a copy of the tour survey which will be given to participants following the tour.

9. Next Meeting -- The Steering Committee will next meet on October 9, 2013 at 3:00 pm in the Conference Room East.

10. Adjournment -- *Mr. Miller motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Johnson
Chairman, DeKalb County Union Ditch/Virgil Ditch Watershed Steering Committee

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