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

May 16, 2014

The Union /Virgil Ditches & East Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed Steering Committee (WSC) met on May 16, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the DeKalb County Administration Building, in Sycamore, Illinois. In attendance were Committee members Dean Johnson, Karen Miller, and Anita Zurbrugg. Also in attendance were Deanna Doohaluk (Hey & Associates) and County staff Rebecca Von Drasek, Marcellus Anderson, and Lisa Sanderson.

- 1. Roll Call** – *Donna Prain, Paul Miller, Nathan Schwartz, Roger Steimel, Brian Gregory and Jeremy Lin were noted absent.*

Mr. Johnson noted the lack of quorum and indicated that the meeting would commence to discuss the agenda topics however no actions would be taken by the Committee.

- 2. Approval of Agenda** – No present members objected to the written agenda.
- 3. Approval of Minutes** – No corrections were offered to the draft minutes. The approval of the minutes will be included with the June meeting agenda.

4. Conference Call with Kane County representatives

Ms. Wollnik thanked the Committee for allowing her to participate via conference call. She indicated that she and Ms. Doohaluk had been in contact separately to discuss the issues surrounding Virgil Township drainage ditches. She explained that many of these waterways were man-made and felt that this should be noted within the final Watershed Plan differentiating the history of the watershed, and that this history be taken into consideration when determining which BMPs are suggested be used in these areas.

Ms. Doohaluk explained to the Committee how she intended to incorporate the comments within the Watershed Plan.

5. Draft Watershed Plan and Chapter Reviews

Ms. Doohaluk distributed copies of a draft of Section 5.4 of the Watershed Plan, The Site Specific Action Plan, identifying the problem areas in the watershed and the recommended BMPs for addressing these problem areas. Ms. Doohaluk noted that the section will a table summarizing the projects, a draft copy of which was distributed, and that a map identifying the location of each of these areas was still being prepared. Ms. Doohaluk went through the section and discussed the various items. She also asked that the Committee inform her of any other areas that should be added to the list.

6. Outreach Program Update

Ms. Doohaluk asked for Chapter 3 review comments by April 25, 2014. She asked that in early June the public be presented the final draft in June.

It was noted that the May 15, 2014 presentation to the Kane County Board Committee was rescheduled to June 12, 2014.

7. Web Page Design

The Committee discussed with Ms. Sanderson the Watershed Plan web page. Ms. Sanderson explained that the web page was currently under the Planning and Zoning Department page. The Committee explained that they would provide additional information to Ms. Sanderson to try and further fill out the web page. Ms. Doohaluk had multiple photos that she would forward to Ms. Sanderson to add to the site. Ms. Sanderson noted that the County's Facebook and Twitter presence.

8. Next Meeting -- The Steering Committee will next meet on June 11, 2014 at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room East, with an open house prior to the meeting to present the final Plan.

9. Adjournment -- *Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting.*

Respectfully submitted,

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

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