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

November 13, 2014

The Union /Virgil Ditches & East Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed Steering Committee (WSC) met on November 13, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room East of the DeKalb County Administration Building, in Sycamore, Illinois. In attendance were Committee members Dean Johnson, Karen Miller, Brian Gregory, Paul Miller, and Donna Prain. Also in attendance County staff Rebecca Von Drasek.

1. **Roll Call** – *Jeremy Lin, Nathan Schwartz, Roger Steimel, and Anita Zurbrugg were noted absent.*
2. **Approval of Agenda** – *Mr. Gregory moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Ms. Prain, and the motion carried unanimously.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** – *Ms. Prain moved to approve the minutes as amended from September 10, 2014, seconded by Ms. Miller, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**4. Status of Adoption of Watershed Plan by Regulatory Agencies**

Mr. Gregory announced that the City of Sycamore had adopted the Plan as a guiding document.

Mr. Miller offered to contact Kevin Buick, attorney for the Town of Cortland and the Village of Maple Park, to encourage action on the Plan.

Ms. Miller reported that the Kane County Board would endorse the Plan in December.

The Committee briefly discussed strategies for reaching the Kane County municipalities of Lily Lake, Virgil, Campton Hills, Burlington, and Elburn. Mr. Miller noted that emphasizing the capacity to qualify for future grants as an incentive for the municipalities. Ms. Miller inquired if the Committee still planned to host an informational meeting at the Kane County Farm Bureau to further emphasize the Plan. After a brief discussion Mr. Miller agree to formulate a letter for the municipalities and Ms. Miller agreed to distribute the information to the right individuals at each agency.

Mr. Johnson agreed to reach out to Greg Millburg at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau regarding a good contact with the Kane County Farm Bureau.

**5. Status of Implementation**

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Ms. Prain and Mr. Johnson briefly explained their draft proposals for the DeKalb County Community Foundation's Land Use Committee to implement the Plan.

Mr. Johnson noted that the first request was for approximately \$28,000 for a Utility Terrain Vehicle and a drill to allow the Soil Water Conservation District to assist property owners with installing filter strips along waterways. He noted that this would lower the cost of this Best Management Practice for property owners.

Ms. Prain explained that the second request would be for approximately \$9,000 to create a watershed web site and host the site for three years.

The Committee also directed Mr. Miller to ask the Stormwater Management Planning Committee to create a standing committee to replace the steering committee for the Plan implementation at the Stormwater meeting in January.

7. **Next Meeting** -- The Steering Committee will next meet on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 3:00 pm in the Conference Room East.
8. **Adjournment** -- *Mr. Gregory motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Miller, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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

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