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

April 8, 2015

The Union/Virgil Ditches & East Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed Steering Committee (WSC) met on April 8, 2015 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, Nathan Schwartz, Anita Zurbrugg, Brian Gregory, and Paul Miller. Also in attendance were Kane County staff Rob Linke, and DeKalb County staff Rebecca Von Drasek.

1. **Roll Call** – *Jeremy Lin, Roger Steimel, Karen Miller, and Donna Prain were noted absent.*
2. **Approval of Agenda** – *Mr. Schwartz moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Zurbrugg, and the motion carried unanimously.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** – *Ms. Zurbrugg moved to approve the minutes from March 11, 2015, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and the motion carried unanimously.*

**4. Watershed Plan Implementation Grant Application Review**

Ms. Zurbrugg explained that the draft grant application included in the Committee Members' packet was derived from the DeKalb County Community Foundation's (DCCF) online application. She asked the Committee for feedback on the process.

Mr. Johnson noted that the Steering Committee could review completed applications and send the Committee's response those proposals to the Land Use Committee.

Mr. Gregory confirmed that the applicants for the grants would need to be organizations rather than private individuals. Ms. Zurbrugg agreed.

Mr. Miller suggested applicants be required to include the feedback of the Watershed Steering Committee as part of their application for funding to the Land Use Committee of DCCF for projects to implement the East Branch South Branch Kishwaukee River Watershed Plan. He noted that the Steering Committee therefore could filter relevant projects. Ms. Zurbrugg agreed with the suggestion.

**5. Sycamore Park District Watershed Projects**

Ms. Zurbrugg informed the Committee that now that the Watershed Plan is completed, the DeKalb County Community Foundation is starting to receive inquiries for grant funding for various implementation projects. The Sycamore Park District Airport Road Project was presented to the Committee in March. The Committee briefly discussed the proposal and concluded that the project

would be supported by the Watershed Plan. Committee members hoped that the project could be expanded by finding additional sponsors for implementation of the project.

*Mr. Miller made a motion to recommend approval of the Sycamore Park District's Airport Road project by the DeKalb County Community Foundation Land Use Committee for funding plans which would create and restore wetlands within the floodplain on the property, install native prairie, and modify the proposed detention and parking proposed so as to consider green infrastructure (which will be designed to decrease pollutants and nutrients from reaching the Kishwaukee River), seconded by Ms. Zurbrugg, and the motion carried unanimously.*

The Committee agreed the other proposed projects by the Park District should be presented at a future meeting of the Steering Committee. Staff agreed to contact Dan Gible from the Sycamore Park District.

## **6. DeKalb Farmland Trust Watershed Project**

Ms. Zurbrugg briefed the Committee on the application by the DeKalb Farmland Trust proposal. The Committee discussed the application and concurred that the Community Needs continue to consider the proposal but the Committee questioned if the specific application would succeed at further implementing the East Branch of the South Branch Kishwaukee River Watershed Plan. Ms. Zurbrugg agreed to discuss the Committee's comments with the applicant.

**7. Next Meeting --** The Steering Committee will next meet on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 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,

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

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