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

August 12, 2015

The Union/Virgil Ditches & East Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed Steering Committee (WSC) met on August 12, 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, Donna Prain, Anita Zurbrugg, Roger Steimel, Karen Miller, and Paul Miller. Also in attendance were Kane County staff Rob Linke, and DeKalb County staff Marcellus Anderson.

1. **Roll Call** – *Nathan Schwartz, Jeremy Lin, and Brian Gregory were noted absent.*
2. **Approval of Agenda** – *Ms. Zurbrugg moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Steimel, and the motion carried unanimously.*
3. **Approval of Minutes** – *Ms. Zurbrugg moved to approve the minutes from May 13, 2015, seconded by Ms. Prain, and the motion carried unanimously.*
4. **South Branch Kishwaukee River Watershed Plan Outreach – Implementation of Plan**

Mr. Johnson asked the Committee to discuss some of the ways in which the Plan was being implemented. He began by describing the filter strip program being conducted by the DeKalb County Soil and Water District.

Ms. Prain described and demonstrated the features of the DeKalb County Watersheds web site (www.dekalbcountywatersheds-il.org), which was funded by the DeKalb County Community Foundation. She highlighted the data collection component of the web site. She hoped that additional student programs could be started to increase the amount of data collected.

The Committee discussed ways to promote the various implementation items, like the website and the filter strips. Ms. Zurbrugg emphasized promoting the implementation and suggested considering another bus tour for promotion to elected officials. Ms. Miller, with the aid of Rob Linke, described a monitoring program occurring in the Fox River Watershed. Ms. Prain also suggested having a public meeting to further promote the implementation projects approved.

Ms. Zurbrugg also reported on the Sycamore Park District previously approved Best Management Practices projects. She noted that the kiosks will need to be designed and the Steering Committee will be asked to assist in the design. She reminded the Committee that the Community Foundation had put funds in place with DeKalb County for projects.

The Committee decided that at the next meeting that there will be a discussion of which of the Action Items should be funded. In addition the Committee agreed to explore another watershed plan.

Mr. Miller suggested reaching out to Hey & Associates to discuss the advisability of pursuing grants for further planning or implementation projects. Mr. Linke agreed to also have a brief conversation with the IEPA.

The Committee discussed the process of choosing another watershed. Mr. Miller suggested that the Stormwater Management Committee will take the lead in selecting another watershed if the determination is made to seek a grant for planning.

5. **Next Meeting** -- The Steering Committee will next meet on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 3:00 pm in the Conference Room East.
6. **Adjournment** -- *Mr. Steimel motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Miller, and the motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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

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