

## Minutes / Meeting Summary

Date: 12-16-15

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: M.W. Boudreaux Visitor Center

At Clarence Cannon Dam

Type: North Fork Salt River Healthy Watershed Meeting #3

The meeting was opened with lunch at noon.

Attendees totaled 25.

Alan Winders, Planner with the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments, provided the welcome and opening remarks. Attendees introduced themselves. Alan recognized elected official Glenn Eagan from Shelby County and Bryan Nichols from Congressman Graves office. Alan thanked all in attendance.

Winders gave a brief review of the past meetings and discussed ideas for future meetings. The group, by consensus, tentatively set the next meeting for Friday January 29, 2016 at the Leonard Community Center. The meeting format will be the same with lunch at noon. Presentations by Ross Dames, MDC Fisheries Biologist and by Casey Bergthold of Quail Forever are anticipated.

Park Ranger Seth Wilson, with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, welcomed the group to the Visitors Center and gave a brief overview of the facility.

Mary Culler, Environmental Specialist, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, reminded the group that the proceedings from the previous meetings, along with the watershed brochure and maps are available on the Mark Twain Regional Council of Government's website. She said that if anyone has any questions about the previous meetings or how to find the information, they could contact either

Alan or herself with their questions. Mary introduced Mr. Russell Errett, water control manager, with the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Errett gave a presentation regarding Mark Twain Lake, history, project purposes, pool levels and sedimentation. The presentation, regarding the sedimentation studies done at the reservoir, concluded that the rate of sedimentation was what expected or was better than originally anticipated at 4% total sedimentation. There were many questions from the group and Mr. Errett provided responses to group questions.

Following the presentation, Alan and Mary facilitated a group discussion to brainstorm issues and priorities for the watershed with the understanding that goals and recommendations would follow at subsequent meetings. "Issue" was defined as a problem or something that needs to be fixed. A "priority" was defined as "What is most important and meaningful....that you will not sacrifice in pursuit of something else (a goal)". "Goal" was defined as a future based expectation or possibility that you are working toward but which has not yet been achieved.

The large group was divided into 4 groups (2 groups of 6 and 2 groups of 5). The groups were asked to individually record on sticky notes, a three or four word issue or priority regarding the watershed. And, to write one per note and to record as many as came to mind, and place each one in the middle of their table. Each table then grouped like ideas together, named each idea group, determined whether it was an issue or priority, and recorded the name on an index card. Each table then reported, without elaboration, that which they had written on their index cards. The groups' reported issues and priorities were recorded and projected in the front of the room. After all index card names were recorded, each named issue or priority was expanded upon by the group that had named it. This resulted in a list of priorities and issues which resulted from each small group's discussion. This list is not evaluated by the group as whole, and items on the list are just ideas brainstormed by the group and are not approved or disapproved by the group. The list is intended to provide a springboard for future discussions regarding issues, priorities, goals and recommendations.

The group suggested that the list of issues and priorities be emailed to the group prior to the next meeting.

Mary presented information regarding possibilities for future funding for efforts to accomplish goals established for the watershed, and gave two examples, including the NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program and the Five Star Urban Waters Restoration Program.

The floor was opened for questions, statements or discussion. There were none.

The next meeting is tentatively planned for Friday January 29, 2016 at the Leonard Community Center. Time to be Noon with lunch provided. Invitations will be via email.

The meeting concluded at approximately 2:45 pm.

An optional tour of the power plant at the Clarence Cannon Dam was provided at 3:15 pm following the meeting. There were ten participants at the tour. Participants of the tour departed the dam at approximately 4:15 pm.