

## Minutes / Meeting Summary

Date: 1-29-16

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Leonard Community Center

At Leonard Missouri

Type: North Fork Salt River Healthy Watershed Meeting #4

The meeting was opened with lunch at noon.

Attendees totaled 30.

Alan Winders, Planner with the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments, provided the welcome and opening remarks. Attendees introduced themselves. Alan recognized Bryan Nichols from Congressman Graves' office. Alan thanked all in attendance. Those who prepared the meal were thanked by applause.

Winders gave a brief review of the past meetings and discussed the tentative agenda for this meeting.

Mary Culler, Environmental Specialist, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, discussed the upcoming MU Extension workshop at Old Kinderhook in Camdenton on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, and Mary provided information about registering for the event. Mary also provided handouts related to the March 12<sup>th</sup> Introductory Stream Team Workshop coming up in Shelbina, and soil health/cover crop workshops in Adair and Knox counties in March. Mary also discussed a watershed clean-up event coming up on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and passed out a sign-up sheet for people to list if they were interested in participating in the clean-up. Mary provided an update on the Source Water Protection Grant currently underway in the watershed and also discussed the funding available for a mobile educational

display and told the attendees that she would like to have their ideas about whether or not a mobile display would be used if it was purchased by the CCWWC. Mary asked the group to let her know what they like and don't like about the current Source Water Protection Project. Mary gave a brief overview of the contents of the Healthy Watershed Plan and told the group that we are looking for guidance from them on what should be done next in the watershed. Mary also reminded the group about the communications available for the watershed (including the DNR and COG website, Facebook page, and newsletters).

Mary introduced Mr. Ross Dames, MDC Fisheries Biologist. Mr. Dames gave a presentation about aquatic life in the Salt River, particularly fish and mussel species present and changes over time. Additionally, information was provided about the impact of siltation and other stressors (like Dissolved Oxygen) on the stream habitat. Mr. Dames also discussed sport fishing recreation in the watershed and the statewide fish consumption advisory.

Casey Bergthold of Quail Forever, presented information about conservation programs and their impact on wildlife. This information included specifics about benefits to property owners for the implementation of the conservation programs and practices with which he is involved, including buffer practices. Mr. Bergthold introduced Mr. Jarrell Foreman with the Shelby County Farm Service Agency. Mr. Foreman explained how the CRP program works and what the payments are for farmers who would like to enroll in one of the programs.

Following the presentations, Alan and Mary facilitated a discussion to identify topics from the lists of issues and priorities brainstormed from the last meeting for ranking by the group. The first list refined was the brainstormed list of issues. Issues were defined as "Issues / Problems", those things that were viewed as a problem currently in the watershed. The list was discussed at length and the topics agreed upon were: Nutrients; Sediment/Turbidity; E-coli; Funding, Sources & Uses; Education & Outreach; and, Flooding/Rate/Volume. Those items were placed on individual sheets and taped to the wall. Participants were given two sticky dots with which to vote and asked to place them on the sheets with issues

that they felt were most important. The voting ended and without discussion, the meeting continued.

At this time, the group agreed by consensus to hold the next meeting on March 3, 2016 at the Leonard Community Center.

The brainstormed list of priorities was then considered. Priorities were defined as Priorities/Guiding Principles. The same process followed as with Issues/Problems and ultimately the participants voted with two dots on the following items as Guiding Principles: Water Quality; Property Rights; Agriculture Sustainability (crops, soil, livestock, profit); Education/Outreach/Data Collection; Basin Flow Management; Fish and Wildlife; and, Local Control.

The results of the voting will be reported to the group at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Following the meeting, Elke Boyd gave an optional tour of the no discharge sewage treatment facility at Leonard with many in attendance.