

Minutes / Meeting Summary

Date: 3-3-16

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Leonard Community Center

At Leonard Missouri

Type: North Fork Salt River Healthy Watershed Meeting #5

The meeting was opened with lunch at noon.

Attendees totaled 20.

Alan Winders, Planner with the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments, provided the welcome and opening remarks. Alan thanked all in attendance. Those who prepared the meal were thanked by applause.

Mary Culler, Environmental Specialist, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, recognized the members of the group that attended the Non Point Source Education Workshop at Lake of the Ozarks in February. Mary also mentioned the Soil Health/Cover Crop workshops occurring during the month of March and provided the flier for the workshops. Mary also recognized Steve Salt, the part-time watershed educator that has been working for the current CCWWC grant. Mary also reminded the group about the survey about the mobile educational display, and she asked attendees to either answer the survey or talk to her directly if they have ideas for the display.

Winders distributed the results from the “voting” done at the last meeting regarding the most important or pressing Issues and the most important or pressing Guiding Principles. Those results are listed here:

Issues

- Flooding / Rate / Volume of Water.....14
- Funding – Sources / Uses.....10
- Education and Outreach.....9
- Sediments / Turbidity.....6
- Nutrients.....1
- E-Coli.....0

Guiding Principles

- Agriculture Sustainability
 - Crops, Soil, Livestock, Profit.....13
- Property Rights.....9
- Water Quality.....8
- Education/Outreach/Continued Ed.
 - Data Collection.....5
- Local Control.....5
- Fish and Wildlife.....2
- Basin Flow Management.....0

Winders then gave a brief agenda for this meeting and how the process to list possible goals and recommendations would work. Winders reminded the group that the definition of “Issue” was problem in the watershed and “Guiding

Principle” was concepts of such importance that they guided decisions in the future. Goals were defined as something that you desired but which was not yet achieved. Recommendation was defined as a specific action which could help accomplish the goal under which it is listed.

Starting with Issues, each one of the topics voted on at the last meeting was assigned to, and a label taped to, a table. Participants then selected the table and topic that they wanted to work on. Individually, on sheets provided, participants recorded potential goals on the top of the sheet provided allowing only one goal per sheet. After about five minutes, time was called and the participants at their tables verbally explained to each other what they had listed as potential goals. Under each goal was a place for up to four specific recommendations to accomplish or further that goal. The participants discussed and collectively developed recommendations for each of the goals. Approximately 10 minutes was allotted for this activity. Time was then called, the papers from each table collected, and participants were asked to select another table/topic. There were three (3) “rounds” for Issues. Guiding Principles replaced Issues as table labels and the same process followed for three (3) rounds.

After the brainstorming of goals and recommendations had been completed, Alan Winders asked the group if there was anything missing from the Issues list or from the Guiding Principles list. No items were added by the group. Mary Culler then asked the group if there were any questions or comments from the group about the process or the Healthy Watershed Plan. An attendee asked for clarification of the goal of the meetings, and Mary and Alan explained the purpose for the meetings and Healthy Watershed Plan.

At this time, the group agreed by consensus to hold the next meeting on May 5, 2016 at the Leonard Community Center.

The results of the activity will be collated and Goals / Recommendations will be placed in a draft healthy watershed plan for presentation at the next and likely last meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.