

Minutes / Meeting Summary

Date: 5-5-16

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Leonard Community Center

At Leonard Missouri

Type: North Fork Salt River Healthy Watershed Meeting #6

The meeting was opened with lunch at noon.

Attendees totaled 21.

Alan Winders, Planner with the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments, provided the welcome and opening remarks. Those who prepared the meal were thanked by applause. Winders thanked all in attendance and recognized Mr. Glenn Eagan, County Commissioner from Shelby County. Attendees introduced themselves, and each attendee told how many meetings they had attended, in appreciation of the commitment attendees have made to the process.

Mary Culler, Environmental Specialist, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, thanked everyone for their time in participating in the meetings. Mary explained that Alan and herself had attempted to make this an honest and transparent process and she encouraged the attendees to feel comfortable expressing their opinions openly at this meeting and said that we will be respectful of everyone's comments, as we have been at previous meetings. Mary provided an example of the color title page for the Healthy Watershed Plan and explained that the plan will be of a similar format to the State of Waters brochures.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the draft North Fork Salt River Healthy Watershed Plan. The plan had been sent out some weeks earlier via email to allow time to review. Copies of the draft were distributed to all attendees.

The group was asked if there were any general comments or if the draft generally reflected the things we had discussed. There was general agreement on the overall format of the draft. The group was asked for specific comments going page by page and numerous changes were made to the draft. Additionally, items were mentioned related to the recommendations section to be prioritized later in the meeting. There was general agreement regarding the plan subject to review of the Goals and Recommendations section.

The group then reviewed the Goals and Recommendations for Guiding Principles and for Issues. In both sections, the overarching goal for each topic was first approved and then the recommendations were prioritized. The prioritization was done using Turning Point voting software which provided immediate tally of votes. It became clear that the recommendations were in need of discussion prior to voting on priority for each list. After each overarching goal was agreed upon, the specific recommendations were discussed. Some were unchanged, some were changed significantly, some were combined and some were relegated to an appendix which effectively removed them from the process but allowed for a notation somewhere, if possible. The result of this process is reflected in the second draft of the document.

Winders explained that this would be emailed out for review and that non-substantive changes would be possible based on comment. And, if there were issues that arise based on comments received which require major changes, another meeting may be required.

The group then discussed the question of an on-going committee. After discussion, the group voted to support a continuing committee. The discussion indicated that any future role, make-up of the committee and topics discussed would be left to the committee. The group voted that the committee should likely meet about twice per year.

Winders thanked the group for their participation in the process.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 pm.