

SPRING RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2010 MEETING

The Spring River Watershed Partnership met at 1:00 p.m. August 12, 2010, at the Jasper County Health Department, Carthage, Missouri. The following attended:

Eric Ferrell
Jim Honey
Steve McKarus
Tony Moehr
Bob Nichols
Harry Rogers
John Tharp, Missouri Extension Service
Colter VanGelder

Jim Honey opened the meeting and extended a welcome to all. Everyone introduced themselves.

Tony Moehr presented the Spring River Watershed Management Plan for HUC #: 11070207140002 which was prepared by the staff of the Jasper County Health Department. The public review process was described by Moehr. Eric Farrell inquired if those who participate in the public forum was involved in the review. Moehr responded that all received a postcard advising that the plan was available for review on the Internet and a hard copy would be provided on request. After discussion, Eric Ferrell moved that the Plan be approved. The motion was seconded by Randy Hass and passed. Moehr is to forward the Plan to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for their review and, hopefully, approval.

Moehr said that the Department would begin developing a management plan, as time will permit, for the segment downstream from the segment just completed.

Moehr reported that the Health Department has received a grant that will permit an expansion of their stream sampling program. The program will be expanded from the original 21 sites by an additional 24 sites. The Department has contracted with an environmental science student at MSSU to do the sampling.

John Tharp reported that DNR has a mini-grant program of \$15,000 and EPA has an Enviro Education Grant program for \$15,000. It was agreed that these grant would be investigated.

Carl Hayes briefly described the prescription drug program in Cherokee County, Kansas. There are still many issues that must be addressed.

Nichols suggested that the Partnership consider developing a stream clean-up program. It was suggested that property owners be contacted and encouraged to clean-up their segment of the river or streams. More discussions will be necessary on this issue.

Nichols inquired if the Partnership should consider some type of membership. Many thought the idea had merit, but needs more information.

Nichols inquired if a coordinating council of the various watershed groups should be organized. It was agreed that the concept has merit and Nichols is to discuss the concept with other watershed groups.

The next meeting is to be Thursday, October 21, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Jasper County Health Department, Carthage, Missouri.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.