



TTK Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 28th, 2016

6:30 – 8:15 p.m. EST

Hoosier Energy Environmental Education Center

Attendees: Josh Brosmer, IDEM, Charles Haney, Hoosier Energy, John “Jack” Gettinger, Stakeholder, Bruce Marheine, WLRM, Trey Clark, WLRM, Brad Smith, The Nature Conservancy, Laura Demarest, WCIWA Watershed Coordinator

Introduction

Refreshments were provided by Hoosier Energy; meeting updates and discussions were brief due to the small number of attendees.

- **Status of Ongoing Projects**

- **TTK Cost-Share Program** – There is still about \$100,000 in cost-share funding that needs to be allocated before January 2017 for the first round of TTK cost-share funding. Additional advertising and promotion will be necessary in order to encourage cover crop sign-ups and the construction of planned structural practices.
- **Clean Water Indiana Grant** – a limited amount of funding is still available for practices outside of Turman
- **LARE Grant application** – No news at this time regarding whether or not this application has been funded.
- **Plummer Creek (Greene County)** – As of June 21st, Laura Demarest started managing the Plummer Creek 319 grant in Greene County in addition to the TTK grant in Sullivan County. Typical office hours will be Monday, Tuesdays – Greene and Thursdays, Fridays – Sullivan, with Wednesdays as a ‘float’ day. She can always be reached by email laura@watershed-alliance.org or cell phone (812) 564-1162

Event Planning

For the remainder of the TTK 319 Planning and Implementation grant, two major tasks need to be completed: a regional water-quality field day and a public demonstration of a Best Management Practices. Ideas for both are in their early planning stages. Details are as follows:

- **TTK Wabash Canoe Float Field Day Planning – Key Points:**
 - Date: Saturday August 20th – no rain date will be scheduled
 - Details: Distance from Hutsonville to Merom is approximately 7 miles – will scout with canoe soon! Bruce Marheine will provide canoe for scout trip. Trip will be designed to be an opportunity for families to enjoy a half day on the Wabash and at the Bluff Park 8:00 Set up 8:30 Register 9-9:30 Launch 11:00-1:00 Lunch/Mini-Fair at Bluff Park + shuttle
 - Conservation Officers will be present, speakers available for Merom Bluff picnic afterwards (USFWS, BuckCreek Muzzleloaders – maybe?), Brendan Kearns, Hoosier Energy, Indiana American Water, Fisheries Biologists, Bruce and Trey will work on securing a few small motor boats to accompany canoe/kayakers and shuttle others as needed
 - Still need to secure bus or ask to borrow large van
 - Will need an insurance quote: 319 grant can cover insurance
 - Food: Will likely contract Merom Conference Center to provide a picnic-style lunch of sandwiches, chips, dessert to be delivered and available at the Bluff Park.
 - Price will be \$8 adults, \$5 children + \$20 if renting a canoe. Funds will be used to cover the cost of food and canoe rental from Merom Conference Center.
 - Advertising: A flyer will be distributed soon and it will be advertised in the newspaper
- **TTK Cover Crop Demo Plot:** A cover crop demo plot is planned for fall with seed donated by Byron Seeds dealer, Darin Cox. Joe Freeze volunteered his field near Farmersburg and Highway 41 for use. Large signs, reading something like, “PLANT” “COVER” “CROPS” “FOR” “SOIL” “HEALTH” will be installed.

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, July 19th, 2016 – 6:30 pm

Meetings are held in the Hoosier Energy Environmental Education Center, south of the Turtle Creek Reservoir, west of Sullivan, IN.