



TTK Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 19th, 2016

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. EST

Hoosier Energy Environmental Education Center

Attendees: Josh Brosmer, IDEM, Bruce Marheine, WLRM, Trey Clark, WLRM, Brad Smith, The Nature Conservancy, Alli McKain, Sullivan SWCD Coordinator/Education, Justin McKain, Bane-Welker, Laura Demarest, WCIWA Watershed Coordinator

Introduction

Refreshments were provided along with a brief summary of grant activities to date and introductions for new 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** – The grant has officially been funded for \$30,000 for the Turtle Creek watershed!

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 Additional Details/Planning:**
 - Date: Saturday August 20th – no rain date will be scheduled
 - Details: Distance from Hutsonville to Merom is approximately 7 miles – recently conducted a canoe scouting 'mission' with Brad Smith, Alli McKain (newly hired Sullivan SWCD Coordinator/Educator). Thanks to Bruce Marheine for loaning the canoe. The entire trip took 1.5 hours at a steady pace. It is estimated that some paddlers for the trip will be faster or slower, hence the large window of time for lunch.
 - Conservation Officers will be present, speakers available for Merom Bluff picnic afterwards (USFWS, BuckCreek Muzzleloaders – John Waterman will call others), Brendan Kearns, Hoosier Energy (possibly – will ask Angela Dabney), still contacting/inviting more. Bruce and Trey will work on securing a few small motor boats to accompany canoe/kayakers and shuttle others as needed and have generously offered to comp lunches for speakers (up to \$50) on behalf of WLRM.
 - Still need to ask to borrow large van – will call John Gettinger
 - Insurance quotes have been approximately \$570-\$600. Will visit Springer next week to pay.
 - Food: Will confirm with Merom Conference Center to provide a picnic-style lunch of sandwiches, chips, dessert to be delivered and available at the Bluff Park. Hoosier Energy may be able to chip in for additional 'filler' items and/or breakfast items to be available at Hutsonville.
 - 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: Flyer proof available for review. Will send out via email for the first two weeks, and depending on how many sign up, may opt to put an ad in the paper to garner more interest.
 - Additional suggestion: Include door prizes or some sort of Scavenger Hunt. Josh B. confirms that 319 can pay for prizes with the exception of gift cards. Education Task funds will be reviewed to determine how much funding may be available for prizes/give-aways.
- **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. The cover crops cannot be planted, however, until after the corn is harvested.

Next Meeting Date

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