

Plummer Creek Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 11th, 2016
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. EST

Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District



Attendees: Josh Brosmer - IDEM, Casey Kennett, Greene SWCD, Pete Halstead, Stakeholder/Drainage Board, Laura Demarest – PCWP Coordinator

Introduction

Refreshments were provided (courtesy of Greene Co. SWCD) and introductions were made.

Brief Status Updates

- **Overview of Plummer Creek 319 Implementation Grant** – There was a small gathering for this Advisory Committee meeting, so the history and current status of the Plummer Creek Watershed Project was summarized. To reiterate, the current Plummer Creek 319 grant amounts to \$279,979 with a match commitment of \$186,655 for a total project value of \$466,634. Funding specifically allocated for cost-share implementation equals \$140,000. This grant will be administrated from May 2016-April 2019 by the Greene County SWCD
- **Cost-Share Guideline Draft – Under Review (*UPDATE: APPROVED)** – Josh Brosmer, IDEM, shared the news that the Plummer Creek Cost Share Guidelines have been approved. This approval allows for cost-share funding to be utilized for BMPs in critical areas throughout the watershed. Currently, there are two producers with livestock projects signed up for cost-share.
- **QAPP for Water Monitoring – Under Development** – Water monitoring cannot begin until the Quality Assurance Project Plan is completed. The QAPP is currently being drafted, with monitoring slated to begin again after the end of the year.

PCWP Field Days & Outreach

The Plummer Creek 319 Implementation project requires a certain number of field days and outreach tasks to be completed.

- **Review Field Day Requirements:**
 - **Topic Proposals/Ideas** - Some topics mentioned included grazing, septic systems for homeowner's association/local realtors, innovative cropping equipment/methods, Recycling/Repurposing field day at Sculpture Park near Solsberry, Invasive Species workshops (Tree of Heaven, Asian Bush Honeysuckle, Japanese Knotweed, Pasture Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds), canoe trip on Plummer Creek, Karst-themed field day
 - **Timelines** – The suggested best times to plan field days included: March, June (before fair), or fall (post-harvest)
 - **Potential Partners, Locations, Sponsors** – Will reach out to the following businesses in the future: Bloombank, Orscheln, Rural King (no known local feed stores exist anymore)
- **Outreach Efforts**
 - **Local Media/Ed Resources** – will continue to send mass emails, use GCDW and The Shopper, along with SWCD newsletters; no new media outlets were discussed.
 - **Volunteer/Match Ideas** – The contact from Baxter Pharmaceutical cannot be reached in response to their past offer to donate \$5,000 towards monitoring expenses. The Tulip Trestle group may be an option for future road/stream clean-up events. Purdue Extension and local FFA should also be approached for partnering on future field days.

Next Meeting Date

TBD (likely after the new year)

Meetings are held at the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District in Bloomfield, IN.

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