

BLACK CREEK WATERSHED COALITION



MEETING MINUTES: 1/22/07

Attendees: Dorothy Borgus, Chili Resident; Don Hoyt, LeRoy CAC, Larry VerWeire, Riga Resident; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning and Economic Development; George Squires, Genesee Co. SWCD; David Zorn, GFLRPC; Betsy Johnson, MCSWCD; Roger Rouse, Byron Planning Board; Robert Remillard, USDA NRCS – Lake Plains RC&D; John Glidden, Town of Bethany

M: L. VerWeire, TK: D. Borgus, SC: B. Johnson

Action items are underlined in the Minutes.

Changes to December Meeting Minutes

Hodges Printing should be changed to Hodgins Printing. No other changes. Minutes accepted as changed.

Map Guide

R. Remillard did not meet with Pat Tindale to review the data -- at this point, there is a good collection of data. For the project to move forward, funding is needed. G. Squires mentioned that FL-LOWPA Special Projects is open. The BCWC has applied in the past so an application would be easy to prepare. R. Remillard, R. Bell and G. Squires will look for a copy of the past application in their files. G. Squires will take the lead on updating the application for submittal. The due date for proposals is 3/1/07. R. Remillard suggested looking at the Great Lakes Network grant application for good information.

R. Remillard motioned for BCWC to submit an application to FL-LOWPA. D. Hoyt seconded. All present were in favor. Motioned carried. Larry VerWier will submit a letter in support of Genesee Co SWCD's grant application to FL-LOWPA from the Black Creek Watershed Coalition.

R. Bell mentioned that Rick from the Oatka Creek Watershed Committee spoke with Jennifer Leonard from the Rochester Area Community Foundation. The Foundation has contributed funding to the Oatka Creek Watershed Committee and indicated that they would support BCWC's efforts on the EPF grant as well. RACF might be able to provide a challenge grant that would need to be matched dollar for dollar. Rick plans to send Jennifer a copy of the EPF scope of work and copy of the award letter received by the Town of Wheatland. R. Bell will contact Jennifer Leonard regarding a challenge grant – possibly for the map guide.

R. Bell will call Jeff Richardson, Manager of the Mill Seat Landfill, to invite to the next BCWC meeting.
R. Bell will contact J. Balonek regarding the Mill Seat Landfill Citizens Advisory Board.

Fundraising

R. Remillard reported that \$373.00 has been raised through the letter campaign. R. Bell will mail five letters to L. VerWeire. R. Bell went through the mailing list and pulled out those who have responded. At the December meeting, J. Balonek volunteered to call people who haven't responded. R. Remillard feels that the potential of fundraising through the letter campaign has probably been reached. B. Johnson suggested putting information about the fundraising on the website and sending an email about the fundraising efforts. R. Remillard cautioned about sending an email because permission to solicit wasn't received when the email addresses were collected. D. Hoyt suggested that a way to inform people of the effort without directly soliciting would be to send an email with meeting minutes attached or direct them to the BCWC website, saying that there is new information to check out. R. Bell will contact Carol about updating the website with information about the fundraiser and send an email directing people to the

BCWC website. R. Bell asked if there is interest in creating a BCWC newsletter. R. Remillard said that he does not have time right now to create one.

Display Boards

G. Squires would like to have a display board at the Genesee Co Park Interpretive Nature Center. R. Bell said that there are three small display boards. G. Squires said he could take the one from the Gillam Grant Community Center. R. Remillard said that it would be easy to create a new display if a custom display is needed for the space. R. Bell said that of the other display boards, one is Pat's office, G. Squires has the big one, and one is at Churchville-Chili High School. Pat was going to see if Wheatland High School would want to display. D. Hoyt asked if there was space at the Churchville Park for a display board. R. Bell said that there isn't a space that is open to the public.

New Business

Betsy Landre is looking for topics and speakers for the FL-LOWPA Conference on the Environment and Economic Development. The intended conference audience includes board members, engineers, and planners.

B. Johnson mentioned that Caroline Myers will chair the Monroe County Water Quality Coordination Committee and would like to set up a meeting with R. Bell and D. Zorn to discuss how the BCWC can work with the WQCC. D. Zorn mentioned that Brain Slack will be the co-chair of the group and that a meeting would be a good idea. R. Bell agreed.

Next Meeting

Next BCWC meeting is Thursday, February 22nd in Riga at 5:30. R. Bell will check with Heath Miller to see if he can provide the update on Governance Methodologies study.

Watershed Plan Grant

Members of the Oatka Creek Watershed Committee joined the BCWC for a presentation by D. Zorn about the Watershed Plan Grant.

D. Zorn passed out to handouts, "Environmental Protection Fund; Black Creek Watershed Management Plan; Oatka Creek Watershed Management Plan" and "Why is watershed management important?".

The Grant has been awarded, but until the contract is signed, the BCWC and OCWC should take care not to incur costs. Any in-kind match since 10/1/06 should be tracked. The Town of Wheatland is the sponsor of this grant with Linda Dobson as Town Supervisor. The original dates in the grant application were 10/1/06 to 9/30/08. The full \$149,545 was awarded and a 50/50 match is required, for a total of approximately \$300,000. The match can be in the form of cash or in-kind. The watershed plans will be the most successful with support from elected officials.