

Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: September 29, 2010

Location: Village of Bergen

Attendance: AnnaMarie Barclay, Deputy Mayor, Village of Bergen; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning & Development; Peggy Grayson, Town of Stafford and GLOW; John Hovanesian, Coordinator, Lake Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council; Ralph Marsocci, Mayor, Village of Bergen; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works; Chuck Rettig, Town of Chili resident; Tim Ruffin, Trustee, Village of Bergen; Tom Ryther, Genesee Land Trust; Judy Spring and George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Lyle Warren, ZBA, Village of Churchville.

Action Items Underlined

1. Meeting manager: Lyle; Timekeeper: Peggy; Scribe: Rochelle; Facilitator: George.

The BCWC was honored to be joined by Mayor Marsocci and Deputy Mayor Barclay. Extensive introductions were made.

August 30, 2010, minutes were reviewed; a motion was made by George to approve the minutes with one correction, motion was seconded by Peggy and approved unanimously.

2. Watershed Planning Update. The next project advisory group (PAG) meeting is on October 21 from 6:30 – 8:30 in LeRoy. After this, BC and OC might split up and PAG meetings may be folded into regular BCWC meetings.
3. Map Guide report: The balance of the FL-LOWPA grant will be used for Map Guides. We won't know what the balance is until we see if we can pay for two years of webhosting out of the grant and how much the catering for the symposium costs. It will be more than a month before we have new maps. We have over 600 maps (most of them at the Town of Chili) – this will be enough for the town board presentations and the symposium
4. Watershed Symposium.

Brochure mailed to 310 people; Chuck noted that Suburban News was missing from mailing list; they will be contacted via press release. The brochure was e-mailed to over 140 people and they were asked to consider attending the symposium and to forward, post, and write about the symposium.

George will get Linda Driscoll's address from Rick and mail brochure to her.

Bios. Each presenter will be asked to prepare a one- to two-paragraph bio. **Rochelle will coordinate.**

Rochelle will find a place to acknowledge the symposium planning group by name and title/association.

Handouts. Powerpoint presentations will be posted to website but not printed out. If a presenter has a handout Monroe County Planning will prepare the copies.

PA System: Rochelle will check with Parks about portable PA system

Caterer. Monroe County Purchasing says we need Monroe County caterer. Brian suggested Joe Prattico. **Rochelle will insist on hot buffet, no box lunches.**

Check out lodge: **Rochelle will coordinate with George, Judy and Brian.**

Display tables

- CEI (Steve L. via Brian Slack & Rochelle)
- Lake Plains RC&D (John H. via Rochelle)
- OCWC (George)
- BCWC (George)
- AEM (Tucker via Rochelle)
- Water Education Collaborative, H₂O Hero (Paul Sawyko via Rochelle)
- Monroe County Parks (Ryan Loysen, Env. Educator, via Rochelle)
- Donna Alder, Roberts Wesleyan (Rochelle)
- Chili - Black Creek Conservation Reserve (Tom)
- Climate Change (Rochelle)

Responsibilities before and on October 28 (see attached)

5. Black and Oatka Creek Erosion and Sediment Control Grant for \$536,000. Genesee, Wyoming and Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation Districts will share \$536,000 of EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding for conservation projects in the Black Creek and Oatka Creek watersheds. This money can only be used for agricultural control practices on farms to control erosion and sediment on Black and Oatka Creek. Streambank erosion can only be addressed if it is associated with cropland. The money must be spent in the next three years. It is unlikely there would be an extension; the point of the restoration act money is to get it out there and moving around the economy. **George will forward the Genesee County SWCD newsletter that talks about this project.**
6. Municipal Outreach
 - Batavia (T), **George will get on their agenda and make the presentation**
 - Bergen (T), **Tim Ruffin will get on the agenda for Tuesday, 10/12**
 - Bergen (V), Tim Ruffin presented

Bethany – OCWC presented and George and Ray presented Byron, **George will get on their agenda and make the presentation.**

Chili, **Dorothy will get on their agenda and make the presentation.**

Churchville (V), Lyle is on the agenda to make the presentation.

Clarendon

Elba

LeRoy, OCWC and mentioned the symposium.

Middlebury, OCWC presented and mentioned the symposium.

Ogden, Tom is on the agenda to make the presentation.

Riga, **Larry will get on their agenda and make the presentation**

Stafford, OCWC and mentioned the symposium, Peggy delivered fliers.

Sweden, Tom is on the agenda to make the presentation.

Wheatland, OCWC presented and mentioned the symposium.

7. TMDL. Per Steve's question at the last meeting, Chuck reported that there is an algae bloom southeast of the double culvert bridge. George reported that SUNY Brockport got \$500,000 from Rep. Chris Lee for Genesee River Basin monitoring – there is monitoring in the Black and Oatka Creek watersheds as part of this project.
8. Next meeting. Since the symposium is on our next regularly scheduled meeting date, and since we should meet again before the symposium, our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 21 in LeRoy, preceding the PAG meeting. **George will see if the library is available for the hour before our PAG meeting, or will choose a restaurant for us to use as a meeting place.**