

Black Creek Watershed Coalition
Meeting Minutes

Date: March 30, 2011

Location: Village of Churchville Meeting Room

Attendance: Lyle Warren, Village of Churchville Zoning Board of Appeals; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Chili Resident; Brian Ostling, Town of Chili, Deputy Commissioner of Public Works; Tucker Kautz, Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District; George Squires, Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District; Peter Lent, Interested Citizen; Tom Klafehn, Town of Riga Highway Superintendent/Monroe County Soil & Water Conservation District; Tom Ryther, Genesee Land Trust; Judy Spring, Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District.

(Action items underlined)

Introductions, assignment of roles, changes to agenda/minutes: Introductions were made. Lyle served as manager, George served as facilitator, Judy served as scribe. No changes to agenda. February 22, 2011 minutes were approved as is.

Watershed Grant Update: Black Creek Project Advisory Committee met with Brian Slack (GFLRPA) and Liz Moran (ECO Logic) on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at Chili Town Hall. The committee has been sharing comments concerning the management plan with Brian. There was concern about the progress of the plan and gaps in information, i.e. water chemistry and biologic data. The 2nd draft is proposed to be available by the end of April. After much discussion, it was decided to devote the next Watershed Coalition meeting to reviewing the management plan. Coalition members are to review plan beforehand and send comments/suggestions to George. He will forward to all members.

GLRI Erosion and Sediment Control Grant: Kick-off meeting will take place on March 31, 2011 from 1-3pm at the Sunnyside Lodge, Black Creek Park. Genesee, Monroe and Wyoming Soil & Water Conservation Districts are hosting this event. Invitations have gone out to the media, elected public officials, and ag producers in the watersheds. BCWC members are invited.

Display Boards: The large display board is at Genesee Cty. S&W. Small boards are at Riga Town Hall, Genesee County Park, and Churchville-Chili High School (Tom K. checking on this one). Lyle will be using the large board for Earth Day celebration on April 23 at Churchville and will pass to Judy on April 28 for use at Genesee County Park for their Earth Day program on April 30.

Map Guide Distribution: New map guides have been received. Phoenix Graphics was the printer. The 9 boxes are at Churchville. Members to take boxes and remainder will be stored at Churchville. Tom Ryther will put some at Rundell Library. Dorothy questioned if we needed to keep track of them. Decided it was not necessary.

TMDL Results for Black Creek: A public meeting will be held on April 12, 2011 at 7pm at the village of Churchville to share results of the CEI-LOCI study on TMDL in Black Creek. This meeting is being hosted by the village and sponsored by CEI and DEC. Dorothy asked about results. No conclusions have been issued. There was the question of any regulatory practices coming from the study. As there are no limits/standards for phosphorus in a flowing stream, this would be difficult. Because this could become involved with regulations and there are many questions yet to be answered, BCWC reserves judgement as to our involvement and support.

Events/Notices:

ECO Fest will be held at GCC on April 9, 2011 from 10am-2pm. BCWC display board and information will be set up by George/Judy.

Lyle has flyers about Churchville put out by the Chamber.

Next Meeting: April 28, 2011. Brian Ostling will check if Chili Highway Garage meeting room is available.