**Boone Watershed Partnership - Board Meeting Minutes – Sept 20, 2018**

**TDEC-Johnson City, TN**

**Present:** Matthew Dake, Joseph Barnett, Martha Podren, Ingrid Luffman, David Rock, Bill Francisco, Cathy Landy, Steve Henegar

Matt called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm welcoming all.

* Ingrid read the minutes of the July 24, 2018 meeting. Minutes were approved (motion: Cathy Landy, Second: Bill Francisco).

**New Business**

1. Outreach funds (TVA) – Appropriate use would be educational signs at Jacob’s Park.

* Discussion of potential signs included a citizen science project similar to Founders Park (Brush Creek) or signage about the history of the park (wetlands > fill > restored wetlands focusing on environmental history)
* Ingrid will check whether a staff gauge setup is even possible.
* Bill will run ideas past Connie Deegan for input

1. Brush Creek cleanup volunteers

* Needed for Oct 20 and Nov 10
* Oct 20 – Martha, Matt
* Nov 10 – Cathy, Dennis

1. Potential grants (TDEC)

* Martha indicated there are opportunities for education/outreach money and other foci – we discussed whether this may make a good tie-in to
* Steve Henegar: RFP is out for 319 grants (Due Dec 1)

1. Conference sponsorship

* Discussion of the presence BWP may have at upcoming conferences was had – we decided SEDAAG was not an appropriate venue, but TNSA was a better fit.
* Target Fall 2019 for litter grant presentation and BWP display at TNSA
* Target Spring 2020 for presentation at Environmental Conference

**Old Business:**

1. Brush Creek tire removal project-grant proposal status

* Contract was signed and received by TDOT, will be returned to us.

1. Membership – Dennis will invoice cities

* Matt \* Matt will check PayPal to see if any payments have come in recently
* Ingrid will send out membership reminders to board
* need a discussion of general membership – how to attract new members

**Project Updates:**

1. Jacob’s Nature Park at Sinking Creek
   * New sites for Outdoor Classroom have been proposed (need to stay out of floodway).
   * Considerations:
     1. Keep it near parking lot for ease of access
     2. Keep it away from secluded areas for safety and to reduce vandalism
     3. Consider potential for future restroom facilities (Composting toilet and solar array)
2. Gap Creek

* A 35” X 23” will be produced by Pannier Graphics.
* Wording for the sign is in the works.
* Graphics (BWP logo, root wads, stream bank stabilization) need to be chosen.
* Dennis talked to Andy Best about having a bench near the new sign. City was open to the idea, but are in the process of replacing benches along the trail.
* Dennis summarized the YTD 2018 financial report.

**Upcoming Events:**

* **Oct 9:** BWP General Meeting 4PM at Winged Deer Park – Ingrid to ask Kathleen for a presentation on ETSU sustainability endeavors.
* **Oct 20:** Brush Creek Clean up with ETSU
* **Nov 10:** Brush Creek Clean up with ETSU
* **Nov 13 1:30PM:** BWP Board Meeting at TDEC
* **Nov 18 and 19:** Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) Meeting at Carnegie Hall in Johnson City <http://sedaag.org/annual-meeting/>
* **“Mapvember”** – ETSU Geosciences activities promoting GIS – more details to come via email.

There was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid Luffman for Jana E. Archer, BWP Secretary