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Watershed Happenings

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December 2, 2009 Meeting Notes

Coordinator's Report

The meeting began at 6:30pm with Wayne Lukert, Richard Runnebaum, John Bond, Will Boyer, Judy Boltman, Debra Baker, Frank Norman, Amanda Reed, Aurora Shields, Evelyn Davis, Bobby Powell, Dale Clark, Bruce Smith and Tom Huntzinger attending. Meeting adjourned about 9:00pm.

Opening remarks and welcome – Wayne Lukert, Vice Chair, presided over the meeting. Tom Huntzinger gave a briefing of the last meeting and there were no comments.

Election of Officers and review of member representation for 2010-

The candidate list presented by Bruce Smith, Membership Officer, was accepted by unanimous vote. Will Boyer was approved as the Membership Committee member at large. The 2010 Team members and officers are as follows:

Voting membership

Agriculture (livestock)	Wayne Lukert
Agriculture (cropland)	Richard Runnebaum
Habitat Management	Frank Norman
Economic Development	SanDe Fishburn
Public Water Supplies	Bruce Smith
Local Government	Aurora Shields
Community Infrastructure	Lori Kuykendall
Conservation/Watershed District	Judy Boltman
Recreation Resources	John Bond
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Officers

Chair- Wayne Lukert
Vice Chair- Bruce Smith
Membership Officer- Judy Boltman
Membership Committee(at Large)- Will Boyer
Membership Committee(Coordinator)- Tom Huntzinger

Status of demo projects-

Two projects were completed and owners reimbursed.
Nine projects were approved by KAWS for construction and owners were sent contracts. Six of the nine have returned signed contracts for construction. One project proposal is pending and another proposal is completed but put on hold as it is not in a priority area. Current approved projects have exceeded the funds available in the original grant which was a primary objective in 2009. Projects in excess of the original grant will be applied to the 2010 grant.

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Projects approved were all in the priority areas of the watershed (Deer Ck and Lynn Creek). A Conservation Technician has been hired and has started work. His duty station will be in the Osage County office. He will serve Osage, Shawnee and Douglas Counties. Concern about eliminating the Buffer Coordinators was expressed. Buffer Coordinators were essential to the large commitment of demo project funds this year.

Natural Resources Inventory-

A contract with KU Center for Research was signed the first week of October. Victoria Walsey, an environmental science graduate student in the Department of Indigenous People has been assigned as project scientist. She will complete a course in GIS analysis this December that provides the most recent spatial analysis technology. Huntzinger met with Vickie and defined the tasks and timeline through January. She has been reviewing available sources of digital data and met with scientists that use these resources such as the Applied Remote Sensing Lab, Kansas Biological Survey, and Kansas Natural Heritage Inventory. KU has acquired and made available the appropriate software licenses needed to develop the inventory and process data sets. Huntzinger and Walsey met with Shawnee County Planning staff and made arrangements for the existing data to be accessible for review and enhancement. A comprehensive review of current natural resources data and data management capabilities is underway. Project timeline was provided to the Team.

Raingage and water quality sampling-

A contract with KU Center for Research was signed the first week of October. Margaret Stevens, an environmental science graduate student in the Department of Indigenous People has been assigned as project scientist. Margaret met with Mary Knapp, State Climatologist, to discuss the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow (CoCoRaHS) network. The raingage project in the Upper Wakarusa will be a participant in the national program through CoCoRaHS). Margaret also met with the project staff for the Kanapolous raingage program which has been underway for sometime to gain insight into their approach. Development of a web site accessible

process is being developed for the raingages and to inform the public about the rainfall and sampling program. Materials developed for the web site will also be used for more traditional printed brochures and fact sheets as needed. A site has been selected for installation of the first raingage. Margaret met with Rhonda Janke at K-State to discuss the water quality sampling effort. She obtained a sampling kit and materials to prepare a Quality Assurance Plan for the sampling protocol. Contacts have been made with USGS for Margaret to observe storm sampling by USGS field personnel. Project timeline was provided to the Team.

Corps of Engineers/KDWP cropland-

Several 30x30 inch site location maps were printed using the plotter at KBS. A preliminary meeting will be scheduled with David Rhoades, Clinton Lake Corps office and Chris Lecuyer, KDWP at Clinton Lake to discuss a strategy for a master plan for implementing BMP's on cropland adjacent to Clinton Lake. Croplands are along the lower reaches of Deer Creek, Rock Creek and Wakarusa River. All land is within the project flood plain.

Modifications to the grant for the coming year-

The current grant was written for 3-years. Some modifications regarding a second year of funding for the Raingage and Sampling project and continuation of land use assessment in Elk Creek will be considered for 2010. Discussions are planned in the coming weeks. The 9-Element plan will also be prepared. A meeting will be scheduled to update TMDL information to start this process.

Other topics of discussion-

Tom Huntzinger and Jim Weaver led a seminar on the WRAPS program at the Association of Conservation Districts Convention in Wichita.

Partner Updates-

It is appropriate to make a special note of appreciation to the Leadership Team who served during the 2009 year. Substantial progress has been made and their leadership, constructive responses, and time were essential to a successful year.

Next meeting-

The next meeting will be March 3, 2010.

Upcoming WRAPS meetings, activities, and events

NEXT WRAPS SLT meeting will be held March 3, 2010 at the Shawnee Co Farm Bureau Office from 9:00 pm – noon.

If you have questions contact Tom Huntzinger, WRAPS Coordinator, 785-766-6717.

A special thanks to the Shawnee County Farm Bureau for use of their meeting space.