

WWALS Watershed Coalition  
Regular Meeting - Corrected DRAFT  
Board of Directors  
Wednesday 7:30 PM 28 June 2012  
IHOP Adel, GA

**Attending:**

Dave Hetzel  
Brittney Hull  
Gretchen Quarterman  
John Quarterman  
Bret Wagenhorst  
Nathan Wilkins

**Visitors:**

Angela Bray  
Emily Davenport  
Dorothy Wilkins

**Absent:**

Al Browning  
Karan Rawlins  
Garry Gentry

President Dave Hetzel called the meeting to order and the agenda was distributed.

**2. Introductions**

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

**1. Speaker Emily Davenport, Storm Water Management, City of Valdosta**

Emily Davenport, storm water manager for the City of Valdosta was our invited speaker. Also speaking at the meeting was Angela Bray from the SGRC. Emily began by speaking of her tenure at the RDC, and the lack of forestry regulations when she began. She continued to speak on her work on the water supply, preventing soil erosion, and livestock exclusion. During her time at the RDC, they implemented a water management plan, and raised \$4-\$6 million dollars to implement the plan within a 5 year period.

After leaving the RDC, Emily took a job with the City of Valdosta where she currently serves as the storm water manager. The city instituted a storm utility fee in order to maintain and repair storm water infrastructure, but all new construction is funded by SPLOST funds. The city uses GIS, a mapping program, to track the storm water system, and all damage or blockages that must be repaired within the system. She also presented us with the fact that only 20-25% of communities were permitted for storm water management in the state of Georgia. The city uses volunteers extensively; most notably using 4H volunteers to put out curb markers on the storm drains, asking not to dump oil, paint, etc.

We then continued to the Q&A section of the presentation, in which Emily answered our questions on problem drainage areas, retention and detention ponds, and the cost of pervious pavement.

Angela Bray was the next to present. Angela works for the SGRC and volunteers for Adopt-a-Stream. She mentioned that we may be eligible for 319 grants. Her presentation was on pollution sources and polluted waterways. Such impaired waterways include Franks Creek, Withlacoochee River, 2 Mile Creek, and the Little River. She advised us to educate the community on Mercury and Fecal contamination.

### **3. Agenda Review, Modification, and Approval**

The agenda was reviewed and modified, with 4 items to be added. They are a remote member policy, Tim Carroll Letter, Transparency, and the Treasury presentation.

### **4. Donor Letter, submit for approval**

Some minor modifications were made to the donor letter and approved unanimously.

### **5. Action items**

A date was discussed for water quality training with Angela Bray, for August 8th.

Grant opportunities were discussed, with the most obvious choices being Ben & Jerry, Army Corps of Engineers, and the Chuck Lovell Foundation.

### **6. Remote Board Member Policy**

We discussed how board members can participate when they are not able to physically come to the meeting. Having a call-in mechanism was approved.

### **7. Tim Carroll Letter**

### **8. Transparency**

Gretchen presented an item on transparency. After discussion and unanimous approval, our new policy is to have notes available 3 days after meetings, draft agendas available 3 days prior, and final agendas 1 day prior to the meeting.

### **9. Treasury Presentation**

Brittney made a presentation on money owed to our lawyer.

### **10. Future Speaker**

The task of finding a speaker for the next meeting was given to Dave Hetzel.

### **11. Other Board Business**

There was no other business.

### **12. Schedule Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for July 11th, 7:30pm, IHOP.

### **13. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned.