

WWALS Watershed Coalition
Regular Meeting - Corrected DRAFT
Board of Directors
Wednesday 7:30 PM 25 July 2012
IHOP Adel, GA

Attending:

Al Browning
Dave Hetzel
Brittney Hull
Gretchen Quarterman
John Quarterman
Karan Rawlins
Bret Wagenhorst
Nathan Wilkins

Absent:

Garry Gentry

Visitors:

Helen Rogers
Joe Lewis

1. Call to Order

President Dave Hetzel called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

2. Speaker

The speaker for tonight was Joe Lewis, ARS. Joe Lewis was born in Southern Mississippi, and spent much of his young life there. He began his presentation by discussing the incredible connection between food and the land it is grown in. Joe continued to discuss decreasing marginal benefits in modern technology. There is a huge gap in modern civilizations between the haves, and the have nots, for example 2.3 billion people live without adequate sanitation.

Joe continues on to discuss land use and management. The first statistic of the night was that 400,000 acres of American is damaged yearly. The Swedish, in 1980, created a Compass of sustainable development, which is as follows, we cannot increase manmade materials, cannot decrease diversity and productivity of nature, we cannot continue using resources at the current rate, we need to recycle, as nature naturally does. Continuing, he discussed farm management, and how clean tilling is unsustainable, and is destroying farmland productivity and possibly damaging water quality.

The last topic the speaker discusses is that our society needs to reinvest in nature. We need to do a better job educating and informing our people of their ecological impacts. Also, in teaching, we need our engineers to consider the ecological impacts along with other design considerations. When projects are designed, the system as a whole is not considered, but only individual pieces to the puzzle. The speaker concluded at 7:58pm

3. Approval of Minutes

Gretchen Quarterman made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. John S. Quarterman seconded and the corrected minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Agenda Changes

Added new business (logo), upcoming speakers, outings and events.

5. Grant Discussion

John Quarterman presented a minor correction to previous discussions, that the Ben & Jerry grant application submission was not due in July, but simply began to be accepted in July. Another option was the Army Corp of Engineers, which would have a 90 day response. A third proposed option was the Community Foundation of South Georgia.

6. Treasury

Brittney distributed updated donation logs. We have \$10 left in donations. The secretary was tasked with sending Tim Carroll a thank you letter.

7. Water Testing Training

Training is scheduled for August 25th, 9am, at the SGRC office, 327 W Savannah Ave, Valdosta, Ga.

9. New Business

9a. Logo

Bret presented to the attendees a copy of the updated WWALS logo, created by Scott Beasley and discussion ensued.

9b. Future speakers

John proposes Wayne Bell as a future speaker.

Tom Baird was proposed as the speaker for the September 11th meeting.

The next order of business was the all day meeting. The locations proposed were college campuses, either ABAC or VSU. The proposed date for such meeting was September 22nd. The board decided the meeting would be a morning, half-day, with an activity to follow for those that wished to stay.

9c. Meeting frequency

The board discussed the period of time between meetings, and decided on holding a monthly board meeting, and adding a monthly activity.

8. Motion to Adjourn

Brittney Hull motions to adjourn, and John seconds the motion. The meeting was adjourned.