

WWALS Watershed Coalition  
Regular Meeting - Corrected DRAFT  
Board of Directors  
Wednesday 7:30 PM 08 August 2012  
IHOP Adel, GA

**Attending:**

Garry Gentry  
Dave Hetzel  
Gretchen Quarterman  
John Quarterman  
Karan Rawlins  
Bret Wagenhorst  
Nathan Wilkins

**Absent:**

Al Browning  
Brittney Hull

**Visitors:**

Burt Early  
Lyn and Julie Pickle  
Dorothy Wilkins

**1.Call to Order**

President Dave Hetzel called the meeting to order.

**2. Speaker - Burt Early - District Water Quality Specialist - Georgia Forestry**

The responsibility of the GFC is to develop and revise best management practices, and then educate the community. The percentages of family forest is 59%, Forest industry is 15%, Corporate is 18%, Public is 8%. The GFC monitors Best Management Practices (BMP) implementation, investigates and mediate forestry water quality. The GFC first published BMPs in 1981, and revised them in 1999, and again in 2009. The GFC divides BMPS into 6 sections: Planning, SMZ (Special Management Zones), Roads, Harvesting, Site Prep, and Recreation.

The GFC uses its best efforts to provide principles for protecting Georgia water quality. However, the process for response is primarily complaint driven. The Sustainable Forestry Commission is an industry group that frequently works with the GFC to solve issues with foresters not following BMPS, by locking them out of the supply chain. The most common violation of BMPS is in stream crossings, with frequent debris pollution, and stream blockages, but this area has greatly improved.

Discussion Proceeded to the Q&A section.

Are permits required for clear cutting? In general, permits are not required, but depending on classification, may be barred.

How can we help the GFC do their job? By letting GFC provide TMPF maps, and WWALS reporting logging operations violating BMPs.

Spraying for undergrowth? Is runoff an issue when spraying before planting? Runoff is generally minimal, and has little effect.

### **3. Minutes for Approval**

John Quarterman made a motion to approve minutes as corrected, Garry Gentry seconded. The corrected minutes were unanimously approved.

### **4. Agenda was not modified**

### **5. Upcoming meetings were discussed**

Aug. 25th â SGRC Office for Water quality testing

September 22nd â Meeting at NESPAL, Karan was tasked with meeting organization.

The suggestion was to eat at the arboretum. John suggested contacting the Okravores about possibly providing food. The admission is free. Speakers are Neil Herring, Jesslyn Shields, and a speaker selected by Gordon Rodgers. Local speakers will be Bret, speaking on water and eco-tourism, Karan, speaking on ED Maps, Dave for the introduction, and Helen speaking for Water Matters.

September 11th â The most likely meeting place was the Odum Library auditorium, The speaker was to be Tom Baird, who is currently writing a book on the Withlacoochee river. I was to contact S.A.V.E. about co-sponsoring the event. Attendees are advised to register by sending an email to [wwalswatershed@gmail.com](mailto:wwalswatershed@gmail.com).

Dave Hetzel confirmed that he would be attending the Georgia Water Coalition Meeting. Gretchen motioned to approve meeting plans, and Garry seconded, motion was unanimously approved.

### **6. Grants**

John presented a draft grant proposal to the attendees, for the Ben & Jerry grant. We are also working to file grants with the Army Corps of Engineers, and the South Georgia Community Foundation.

### **7. Potential City/County Planner Meeting**

A potential meeting was discussed. The group wanted a neutral site, such as Nashville? Dave contacted the Tifton mayor, who showed support for the meeting. A member was asked to contact Angela Bray to get a list of city/ county planners.

### **8. Previous Projects**

Discussion on previous projects was minimal. The group planned for a âField Trip on the Waterâ for possibly October 19th. The trip would be via canoe, from Red Roberts bridge to Reed Bingham.

### **9. Adjourn**

Nathan made the motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Gretchen, and unanimously approved.