

## **Huff Run Watershed Meeting Minutes January 25, 2005**

### In attendance:

Ed Taggart, Carl Harsha, Judy Rufener, Phil Rufener, Jim Gue, Maureen Wise, Ilona Volker, Mike Farber, Mike Patterson, Merv Burton, and Mike Steinmaus.

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

### Minutes

The November Meeting Minutes were approved. Phil motioned, Jim second, and the motion was carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Judy gave the treasurer's report: The November balance was \$1,690.05. After paying for Ed's gas receipt, the balance was \$1,621.05. Two memberships were received from the (Kolp and Hysong) along with a donation of \$100. The new treasury balance is \$1,731.05. The Crossroads 319 treasury is \$26, 452.40.

Maureen submitted a receipt for carpet cleaning (\$34.22). Ed then submitted a receipt for hotel rooms at the Athens ARC conference. ((they gave me a check.. more paint will be paid for out of petty cash))Carl motioned, Merv second, and the motion carried.

### Watershed Project Update

Jim Gue briefly updated the group about current and future projects.

He spoke about Lyons bid closing on Thursday. He said the project is estimated at \$650,000 for phase 1 surface reconstruction, rock channels, and steel slag treatment.

Lindentree was finished November 15, 2004. It was seeded and ODNR is hoping for good vegetation.

The HR-42/ Fern Hill project does not have a deep mine under it, the acidity is coming from toxic sandstone. A grant proposal for an OSM grant is being submitted to reclaim four pits above the plume which may be contributed to the seepage. The owner has given permission for design to ODNR. They are still testing the water quality.

The Mineral Zoar Design is finished and they are just presently waiting on funding.

Thomas is in the design stage.

#### Watershed Plan Revision

Maureen stated she would present more detail at the next meeting. She hopes to talk about plans for a public meeting then.

From the tributary sampling there are six new sites determined for future projects. Jim Gue passed around minutes from a meeting about future projects (attached in this email) with specific dates for technical events.

HR 9 needs quantity sampling data and Farr also needs revised flow rates technique.

#### HR 42 Grant Proposal

Maureen stated that she is working on this proposal for an OSM grant. The landowner has agreed to the project.

#### Mineral Zoar Grant Proposal

It was submitted by Ilona to OSM and is currently being reviewed.

#### Lyons Grant Proposal

Nancy Seger requested that a grant proposal be submitted to OSM to supplement ODNR funds to pay for the Lyons project. Rural Action will be administering the grant. Maureen has completed this proposal and sent it on to Rural Action for their additions.

TAC will decide on February 8, 2005 at 10 about future grant proposals.

#### New Business

Watershed Coordinator Update Maureen stated that Rural Action is the new sponsor of the old watershed coordinator grant. Mineral City Village Council is providing the office space and Phil Rufener and Mayor Terry Nill have donated paint. The carpet has been washed and the phone hooked up. Maureen presented a Wish List of office supplies. It will be posted on the internet.

Phil reported that the MC Village Council agreed to let the Watershed Coordinator move in, but needs to have the contract finished and signed ASAP.

Mike Steinmaus introduced himself and Rural Action, stating that they have 20 employees and 24 VISTAs. Most of the VISTAs are with Forestry and Watershed Groups.

Carl asked what technical support RA can provide and Mike stated:

- Use of RA software
- Computer Repair and Training
- Supplies and Materials
- Display Boards/ Projectors/Cameras
- Meeting Space

- Fiscal Services
- Human Resources
- Training Services/ Community Development/Staff Meetings
- Web Maintenance
- Layout of Newsletters

Mike said that he would sell his old desk to HRWRP. Carl bid \$40 then \$50, Mike accepted. Carl motioned, Phil second, and the motion carried to buy the desk for the Watershed Coordinator's office.

Carl motioned that \$1000 be set aside for the Watershed Coordinator's needs. He suggested paying six months of \$150 rent for the MCVV office space with this money. He also motioned that the American Legion be paid \$250 for use of the meeting space.

Phil motioned, Mike second and the motion carried for the \$1000 along with a donation to the Legion. A subcommittee of the three officers will be in charge of this money.

#### VISTA Update

Ilona relayed that Nancy and Sandy could not attend due to respective trips for meetings. She invited the group to the Annual Full Council Meeting Feb 11. Maureen and Ed said they were planning on attending. Maureen said she wasn't sure who would pay her admission fee possibly RA. The group decided to have Maureen work on a display for Crossroads Full Council Meeting. Mike Steinmaus of RA will provide the display board.

#### Future Events

Maureen brought up future events and possible dates and asked the group to decide on them.

The Fun Day will be in August depending on the availability of the pavilion. The Fire Department ((the FD actually helped sponsor it one year. The historical society is not interested in this but will have a booth)) will be invited to partner in the event.

The Awareness Days will be in May, preferably on the 24<sup>th</sup> depending on the area schools.

The Tree Planting Day is undecided. Maureen will look into finding a place to plant trees. She will get in touch with ODNR/ MRM Regulatory Staff (Chris Stephanoff) to determine were there may be reclaimed land under regulations that may be interested in planting trees. Miller Mining land is a possibility The Litter Clean Up will be in April.

### Watch Dog Program

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

### Closing

Ed presented the Award from ODNR received at the ARC.

The next meeting is on Feb 15, 2005. March 10, 2005 is the next South East Ohio Watershed Council Meeting.

Ed Taggart adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.

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## **HRWRP February 15, 2005 Meeting Minutes Mineral City, Ohio**

### American Legion Hall

**5:30-7:45**

In attendance: Ed Taggart, Mike Farber, Phil Rufener, Mike Steinmaus, Carl Harsha, Sandy Chenal, Nancy Summers, Cheryl Socotch, Ed Leszek, Maureen Wise, Ilona Volker.

E. Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:40.

P. Rufener gave the treasurer's report in J. Rufener's absence. On January 25, 2005 there was \$1,731.05 in the Huff Run account. The following was deducted from the account:

- \$50.00 – Purchase of desk for watershed coordinator
- \$200.00 – American Legion Hall donation for meeting space
- \$34.22 – Carpet cleaning for Huff Run office
- \$84.94- Crossroads Reimbursement for Room at Athens ARC
- \$599.20- Purchase of Copier and Supplies for Huff Run office
- \$53.49- Copier warranty from Staples
- \$53.26- Electric heater from Lowes
- \$33.80- P. Rufener paint and supplies

The following was added to the account:

- \$5 for membership fee
- \$500 donation
- \$25 donation

There is now a total of \$1102.14 in the Huff Run account and an unknown amount in the petty cash (to be counted by Watershed Coordinator).

The last reported figure of the 319 grant is \$26, 452.40 from June 2004. However, that account has been closed out and the new 319 figure has not been reported at the present time.

M. Steinmaus reminded the partnership that their non-profit tax ID number can be used when making purchases to exempt the organization from paying taxes. Either Rural Action or Huff Run should locate their number and have that available for making further purchases for the new office.

Mike motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Cheryl seconded.

P. Rufener motioned to accept the January meeting minutes (changing the \$26,000 in the Huff Run account), M. Farber seconded.

Cheryl Socotch reported on projects:

Lyons site has been bid to Malcuit Inc. The CSX right of entry process has been difficult, and ODNR is considering using 'police power'. The same is true for the Mineral Zoar site.

Buckeye Industrial is doing more testing for remining on the Thomas site. There are remaining 319 funds \$216, 000 for construction of the Thomas site (subject to change due to watershed coordinator contract).

Cheryl reported having completed lots of sampling especially on the tributary sites with Jim Gue, Maureen Wise, and Ilona Volker.

Maureen Wise reported about grant funding:

An OSM Clean Streams grant has been completed for Lyons and is being reviewed by Rural Action. Another one for HR42 is close to being completed. The HRWRP has decided to take on the administrative responsibility for this grant.

This grant proposes to eliminate the acid ponds first and then treat the drainage at HR42. C.Harsha moved to take responsibility for this grant. P. Rufener seconded.

Watchdog Program:

Ilona Volker will contact approximately six agencies about the complaint list including: Carroll SWCD, Tusc SWCD, Army Corps of Engineers, ODNR, USDA, EPA, Div of Wildlife, and Litter & Recycling. She will discover what complaints they can handle and what the procedure is for complaints.

C. Harsha asked about 'scenic river,' 'protected,' or 'national heritage area'. S. Chenal spoke on the subject and suggested possibly inviting a speaker from Columbiana County to present the group with more information.

Watershed Plan:

M. Wise presented the six issues of the watershed plan: AMD, sewage, illegal dumping, oil & gas, and agriculture.

No changes were made to the AMD plan except adding projects and including wildlife plantings.

It was decided that the illegal dumping is very stable and no new dumping of a large magnitude is occurring except at the small dump across from the Farr project.

A study was done by ATC Consulting on the illegal dump sites when Harsha North studies were completed including weight & cost for elimination. M. Wise is working with landfills to clean this up and use the estimates as a base for future clean up.

As far as riparian corridors, the plan is to work with Carroll SWCD and NRCS, research available programs, and identify potential easement holders.

The sewer systems will be upgraded within Mineral City Corporation limits. Carroll County is the target of septic problems and upgrades. There is no funding presently, but it could possibly be written into the next 319 grant. Stillwater and Sunday Creeks have gotten funding through 319 grants. The watershed coordinator will find out more information about how this was done from those groups.

Agricultural problems are fairly limited, mostly to Carroll County. A public meeting is not needed to address the issue, as house calls are sufficient.

Oil & Gas well problems are mainly unknown with one orphan well but on the Orphan Well list to be removed. There are more than likely many more abandoned wells. The Watershed Coordinator will gather mapping information from the Oil & Gas companies and look into the relation to groundwater problems.

#### Future Event Dates

The Public Meeting about the Watershed Plan will be held at the Fire Hall (March 29, or 31) to collect citizen comments.

The 319 grant is due in June. It should be submitted in May for review.

May 24<sup>th</sup> is the date of the Awareness day. The Fun Day is scheduled for either August 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioners meetings are going to be March 3(Tuscarawas). and March 7 (Carroll).

#### VISTA Update

The VISTA reported having set up two outreach events and continuing work on the database. She is looking into getting the final product on the webpage. She will obtain an estimate and submit it to ODNR.

#### 319 Update

Nancy Summers gave an update on the "new" million dollar 319 grant. Since Rural Action is the new sponsor of the Huff Run Coordinator grant, Crossroads has contracted with them to produce the deliverables of the grant (apart from

reclamation work) such as supervision, the Fun Day, the Awareness Day, webpage maintenance etc. The total came to \$65,023, which does include match for the Coordinator salary as well.

#### HRWRP Office Sign

The Watershed Coordinator thanked all who helped with the move to the office. It was decided that she should get a sign by her door. Estimates for such a sign are around \$150.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2005.

E. Taggart closed the meeting. The meeting was closed at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted by Ilona Volker, OSM/VISTA

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#### **March 15, 2005**

#### **Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership Meeting**

American Legion Hall- Mineral City

Attendees: Merv Burton, Cheryl Socotch, Maureen Wise, Ed Taggart, Phil Rufner, Nancy Summers, Carl Harsha, Jim Gue, Bo Hysong, Jane Forrest Redfern, and Mike Steinmaus

Meeting called to Order at 5:37p.m. by President Ed Taggart

Meeting minutes approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Carl, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cheryl, motion carried

Treasurer's Report- Current Balance \$1102.14 (a \$5 membership and \$15 donation) plus \$50 petty cash, 1<sup>st</sup> Phil, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carl, motion carried

Introduction of Jane Forrest Redfern, Executive Director of Rural Action. Jane explained what Rural Action does and the role they are playing in this partnership. She suggested that a M.O.U. (Memorandum of Understanding) be drawn up between Rural Action and HRWRP. A sub committee of Carl, Bo, Ed and Maureen, will work on the MOU. Jane has a draft and will meet 3/23/05 at Maureen's office to finalize. Rural Action has a signed agreement with Rosida Porter for the Watershed Coordinator Grant to help secure Maureen's position for the next 18 months. The chain of command will be as follows: HRWRP goes to Maureen, next to Mike and then to Jane.

Dump Site Maps- Illegal dumping sites. Maureen and Ed have tried to locate some on the maps. Carroll County has recently indicated any known sites on this current map also.

#### Old Business-

\*August 27, 2005 will be the Fun Day. The Mineral City Fire Department will co-sponsor and Maureen will represent the HRWRP.

\*5-K got about \$500 in cash donated and door prizes last year. Phil and Maureen to assist with this year's solicitation of gifts. The Tusky Valley Challenge- for a donation of \$50 this group will promote our 5-K run and bring their running groups to our event. A motion was made by Carl Harsha and seconded by Phil Rufner to proceed with this option. Motion carried.

\*Photo Contest- Theme/ Hope for Huff Run? There is not cost to the partnership to conduct this contest.

\*Litter Pick Up Day- April 23<sup>rd</sup>, "Clean Sweep Day" picking up trash throughout Sandy township. The HRWRP is being asked to participate with the local township trustees on Clean Sweep Day. The trustees will provide bags and will collect the filled bags after the pick up at the recycling office. The hours will be from 8 a.m. to Noon. Hot dogs and drinks to be supplied. Possible work with Carroll County Litter also to cover other areas not included in Sandy Twp. Maureen to talk with Julie at Litter Prevention.

\*Watershed Planning Meeting will be March 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a public meeting that will start at 6:30 p.m. Coffee, drinks and cookies will be provided by Maureen, Cheryl and Carl. Flyers will be distributed and placed on the community board. Maureen will do a PowerPoint presentation.

#### New Business-

Project Updates- per Cheryl and Jim

*Farr-* Collecting flow rates from the site. A possibility of recycling metals (irons).

*Mineral-Zoar Road-* grants discussed, total costs of HR42 and Mineral-Zoar is \$102,000. Max Luehrs said grants could not exceed \$100,000

*Lyons-* Contracted with Mauket Inc. from Strausburg. Bid was \$615,000. Contract to be issued next month. Pre-construction meeting will be scheduled soon date to be announced probably in April. Construction to begin 10 days after the contract is signed. Pre-Construction sampling is needed by ODNR- the railroad bed (approximately 2 acres) may have to be eliminated because of contractual differences.

*HR-42- (Fern Hill)* grants discussed

Coordinator Advisory Committee- to be formed as a support committee for the Watershed Coordinator Position. Mike S. wants to have local support for Maureen. Those serving will be Carl Harsha from HRWRP, Jim Gue from ODNR and Nancy Summers from Crossroads RC&D. What are the goals of this committee? Mike to create a one page job description for Maureen. A sub



committee of the Advisory Committee is the Personnel Committee and Carl, Nancy and a Rural Action representative.

New 319 Grants- due out by March 31, 2005, must be submitted by May 31, can apply once a year for a maximum of \$400,000. AMD projects will be competing against each other, a possibility of only one AMD project awarded. Projects with complete design and that are ready for construction will probably get priority placement. Monitoring plans and site management is critical. Maybe have an Advisory Committee list the goals of the group. We need to track improvements within the watershed. Local match is critical. Jane said that Rural Action attorney suggested HRWRP keep their funding separate. Rural Action will keep 20% of all fund raising that Maureen is involved with like the 5K run. From now on all grants would go through Rural Action per Jane. Carl objected to this comment. Crossroads RC&D was mentioned as another candidate to write and administer 319 grants for the partnership. Nancy told the partnership that Crossroads RC&D would not be competing with RA for 319 grant monies. Nancy also stated that the Crossroads RC&D VISTA would continue to assist the partnership in the following areas. A data base for monitoring, assist with water sampling/monitoring one day per month and continue to map GPS sites for the project. HRWRP has not liability insurance because of the group's lack of funds. Rural Action has full liability insurance. If the partnership (HRWRP) writes a grant Maureen is not to be working on it unless there is an agreement with RA for 319 grant money. Harry will meet with RA, HRWRP, or Crossroads RC&D at any time if necessary for clarification on where ODNR stands on 319 grants.

Waste Management Partnership- will pay \$10,000 per year for inspection of easement rights. The partnership feels they need more details. Maureen to follow up.

Rural Action will be applying for a VISTA to work totally with the Watershed Coordinator and HR. Jane explained the plan.

Mike S. suggested that Maureen write a letter to the local department of transportation to help with grant monies and explain the good work the HRWRP has done.

Rural Action and Crossroads RC&D agreement. Crossroads RC&D's policy manual states that all contracts over \$15,000 need to have three bids submitted. Dan Imhoff said that this is the policy that should be followed. Harry Payne said we could proceed without the bids.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m. by President Ed.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Summers.

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **April 19, 2005**

In attendance: Merv Burton, Carl Harsha, Judy Rufener, Phil Rufener, Maureen Wise, Mike Steinmaus, Ed Taggart

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:33pm

Judy Rufener gave the Treasurer's Report

In HRWRP account: \$1,122.14

Added 2 memberships of \$5 each

Spent \$50 on Tusc Race Series

Now \$1082.14

Plus \$50 Petty Cash

319 Grant \$65,023

Do not have quorum to approve report

Also cannot approve minutes

### **New Business**

Waste Management: The manager at the landfill has not gotten back to M. Wise about the easement inspection checklist despite emails and voice messages left. E. Taggart and C. Harsha brought up that neither of them are sure that the HRWRP should peruse this partnership because it may make the group look bad especially with another citizen's group opposing the expansion. The group agreed to keep an open mind but not take any further action.

Also, Waste Management has committed to free illegal dump disposal in Huff Run (although not in writing yet, another issue they have not responded to emails or voice mails about). They will not help with removal or transportation. A condition with their help is that the landowner of the illegal dump may not sell the land for 15 years.

Finally, Waste Management has also agreed to give a lower price for waste removal at Harsha North since ODNR has agreed to pay up to \$25,000 for it.

VISTA: M. Wise passed out an information sheet about the VISTA we are hoping to hire. Applications are due by May 7 with a hire date by May 20. M. Wise, C. Harsha or P. Rufener and E. Taggart are to conduct interviews. M. Wise asked the group to search for cheap housing for the VISTA. C. Harsha asked that we put an ad in local papers with the HRWRP to pay for it. M. Steinmaus brought up the idea of eventually renting/ leasing/ buying a house for the HRWRP office that could also serve as a cheap rental for a VISTA. M. Wise will be the sole supervisor of the VISTA.

Advisory Committee: M. Steinmaus asked that an Advisory Committee be held directly before the next HRWRP meeting on May 17 at 4:30pm. He will email Nancy Summers and Jim Gue.

**Old Business:**

Project Update: Two grants from OSM have been approved this month: Mineral Zoar Rd Project with Crossroads RC&D administering and HR-42/ Fern Hill with HRWRP administering.

The Lyons project will be under construction within the next few weeks. A contract was signed with the contractor on 4/18/05. Police power will probably have to be used against CXS.

Harsha North design is 50% completed.

Upcoming Grants: This summer, the HR TAC is putting together two grants: a US EPA Targeted Watershed grant proposal and a 319 Grant proposal. The Targeted grant would be written for the Belden Project, 15% admin (what the EPA wants administers to write in), Fun Days, Awareness Days etc plus some extra new HR brochures. The 319 grant will also cover all the Fun Days/ Awareness Days etc (in case we do not get the Targeted grant) plus HR-7, HR-9, Lindentree Phase II and Acid Pit Phase II. C. Harsha stated that the owner of Belden (R.L. James) thought that the project was dead and needs to be informed. M. Wise said she would contact him.

C. Harsha asked if there would be any biological studies done this summer to learn how the stream has been reacting to the new projects. M. Wise said that no, MUC does not have any students that will be conducting senior projects in Huff Run soon. She said that ILGARD might however be under contract with ODNR/ MRM to do some biological studies at each Reach in Huff Run if the contract goes through. It was agreed that we do need some new studies soon.

Watershed Meeting Results: M. Wise asked that the members present rank action items again because most groups at the Watershed Planning meeting did not finish. The Severity List is as follows:

AMD  
Septic  
Gas  
Dumping  
Buffers  
Ag

So far the Action List started as:

AMD  
Dumping  
Buffers  
Septic

Because of the meeting, one new member joined.

Awareness Day: M. Wise asked that volunteers help with the Awareness Day on May 24. So far, there is a large group of home school students, and two classes

from Sherodsville elementary school. M. Wise will be on vacation this week and unfortunately will not be able to be there to help.

Voting: At the July meeting we will have voting for President and Secretary. Be ready to nominate in June. Ideas of changing the voting procedures were brought up: vote by slips of paper instead of show of hands. A possibility.

Other discussions:

The group should conduct another watershed tour this fall and try to do one every other year. M. Steinmaus suggested that we seek funding from T.J. Justice for bussing and food. We will talk more about this in June.

E. Taggart said that Dick Kellicker brought a new seep behind this house to the attention of E. Taggart and Jim Gue. He and Jim went to investigate. It is a very deep seep with a pH of 4. It may be running along a pipeline from newly created beaver pits north on Hope Rd.

M. Wise requested that the HRWRP pay for her to attend a conference on stream morphology for \$120. Rosida will give her a scholarship for the rest of the funds. Two books are included in the cost. It is a one-day meeting in June. The group agreed.

The Litter Pick Up Day is this Saturday. Meet at the Village Hall at nine.

The MOU with Rural Action should be completed shortly.

E. Taggart presented correspondence: a request to renew membership with Crossroads RC&D and a solicitation to attend a conference in Louisville, KY.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Steinmaus and Maureen Wise.

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**Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership, Inc**  
**May 17, 2005 Meeting**  
**Mineral City Park Pavilion**

In Attendance: Mike Patterson, Sandy Chenal, Mary Steinmaus, Merv Burton, Jim Toms, Ed Taggart, Cheryl Socotch, Walt Petrime, Carl Harsha, Nancy Summers, Mike Steinmaus, Jane Forrest-Redfern, Jim Gue, Max Luehrs, Maureen Wise.

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report from April needed to be approved because there was not a quorum that meeting.

April Minutes approval – Carl Harsha motioned, Jim Toms seconded. Approved.

April Treasurer's report was approved on the condition that the Crossroads RC&D 319 grant amount is deleted since the grant has been closed. Carl made a motion to approve. Merv Burton seconded. Approved.

May Minutes approval – Jim Toms made a motion to approve. Cheryl Socotch seconded. Approved.

May Treasurer's report: April 19,	\$1082.14
Conference	-\$120
Crossroads membership	-\$50
Times Reporter ad for VISTA	-\$89
Canton Rep ad for VISTA	-\$47
Free Press ad for VISTA	-\$32
May 17, 2005 balance	\$742.74
Plus \$50 petty cash	

Jim Toms made a motion to approve. Carl Harsha seconded. Approved.

### Old Business

Awareness Day will be held on May 24 next Tuesday. Many HRWRP members have volunteered to help: Jim Toms, Carl Harsha, Ed Taggart, Phil Rufener, Merv Burton, Bo Hysong along with Jim Gue to conduct a site tour, Cheryl Socotch to conduct a water chemistry demo, Shirley Everhart to conduct an enviroscape demo and Kelly Capuzzi (OEPA) to conduct a macroinvertebrate demonstration.

Maureen Wise announced that a new VISTA was hired: Terri Sponaugle-Shrock who is from the area and knows people in the HRWRP. Interviews were held last week. Terri will start mid July.

Mike Steinmaus apologized that the Advisory Committee meeting was not held tonight. It will be postponed until next month to be held at 5pm before the regular meeting.

Jane Forrest-Redfern reported that the MOU between Rural Action and the HRWRP has been completed. She covered the changes made which include further detail about the services that Rural Action will provide and that modifications can be made annually. Jane asked if the MOU could be signed that night but the committee that reviewed it previously wanted to take a look at it

again. A conversation ensued about liability insurance and Jane said she would check if the group could be underwritten into RA's insurance.

### New Business

Jim Gue gave a project update.

The Lyons project has begun construction. He reports that there are two D9s on the site clearing the area and further earth moving will start next week. Jim sends Maureen and others reports with pictures each time he conducts an inspection. Maureen will put these pictures on the website for members to see.

The contractor is scheduled to start repairs to the Lindentree project soon.

Tree planting at the Acid Pit project, Farr and the Huff Run AML project were finished this spring.

Thomas is still under design.

Mining companies are still looking at Harsha North for mining, slowing down progress with the project. Carl Harsha asked if he could remove the flagging for utilities and Maureen Wise said that it has been documented and to take them out.

Jim Gue stated that the Lyons Ground Breaking went really well and caught the attention of a lot of people. He proposed that we should always do ground breakings or have project dedications, possibly on Earth Day. The group agreed that it is a good idea.

Maureen Wise stated that there have been many people making solicitations to the group to donate money or sponsor other non-profits (especially schools) and they have been calling members instead of the office. She said that the group does should not contribute to such solicitations, if anything, groups should be donating to us! If any group members are asked, they should adhere to this policy. All agreed.

Ed Taggart brought forth correspondence within the past month. A thank you note from Crossroads RC&D for membership renewal was presented along with a letter from the OEPA about a change in policy that does not affect the group much.

Jane Forest-Redfern stated that she was invited to a meeting with Senator Voinovich to discuss environmental issues.

Jim Gue recommended that a letter be sent to Congressman Ney's office thanking them for attending the Ground Breaking and reiterating the importance of the AML reauthorization.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wise and Mike Steinmaus.

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**MINUTES**  
**HRWRP Partnership Meeting**  
**June 21, 2005**

In Attendance: Carl Harsha (acting as president for absent Ed Taggart), Jim G., Cheryl S. (scribe), Terri S., Mike S., Maureen W., Bo H., Phil R., and Glenn Beatty

**Treasurer Report:** Phil

- ❑ As of May 17<sup>th</sup> balance = \$742.74
- ❑ No activity --- New balance = \$742.74
- ❑ Petty cash balance = \$50.00

Carl wants to approve as read; Bo makes motion; Jim seconds.

**Old Business :**

**RA/MOU -**

❑ Maureen: Some changes requested by Carl and others incl Carl Concern of money used from grants (specifically EPA grants) for equipment purchases are property of HRWRP or sponsor (eg. Crossroads or RA)? Carl and others want property (equip, etc) to remain w/ HRWRP (not sponsor) since it will be used for Huff Run purposes.

This appeared to be very item of concern for partnership members and needs to be verified with OEPA. Carl also asked for special meeting to discuss this since too lengthy to discuss at this meeting.

**319 Grant – Maureen**

- ❑ New 319 Grant applic includes three reclamation projects; was submitted this past week.
- ❑ EPA now more strict on allocation of funds in these grants. \$\$ requested has to be related strictly to projects. No longer will simply be able to fund Fun Days, newsletters, Awareness days, etc unless specifically 'related' to one of the funded construction projects.

**Current Project Update - Jim**

- ❑ Lyons – currently under construction (please consult email updates with construction info)
- ❑ Lindentree – Just had contractor complete repairs of some minor areas during this past month. All work appears complete.
- ❑ New attendee (Glenn Beattle) mentioned at this time letter recd from John Sprouse (ODNR-MRM forfeiture program) regarding reforestation and repairs on some of Miller's old forfeiture areas in watershed.

**Fun Day - Maureen**

- ❑ August 27, 2005, regular festi-vale from 10am -3pm
- ❑ 5K run and Fun Walk – Register @ 8am, Walk @ 9am
- ❑ Need more crafts and games
- ❑ Any ideas for ANYTHING, let Maureen know
- ❑ Volunteers NEEDED!!! Don't forget to BAKE!! Mo-send out reminders!!!!

**VISTA – Maureen**

Found a desk and chair! All set and anxious for Terri to begin.

**Insurance Concern – general discussion w/ present members**

Maureen – talked with Jane (RA) who discussed concerns w/ their insurance carrier. Discussions:

- If --- RA had legal control over group, they could put HRWRP on as a rider, ALTHOUGH no one really wants them to do this....
- Might want to look for individual insurance policy for HRWRP which may cost up to \$1200- \$1600.
- Carl advises that ANYTHING or ANYONE wanting to look a particular project, or do anything within the watershed MUST go through Maureen so that activity, and anything related to that activity, would be covered under RA liability policy/insurance.
- Will need confirmation of the above-mentioned from RA to HRWRP for final clarification to group members.

**Advisory Committee –** (for watershed coordinator position): committee members incl. Ed, Carl (or any other board member interested in attending), Mike Steinmou-s, Crossroads (?) and one member from ODNR (Jim and/or Cheryl).

- ❑ Will meet after this evening meeting
- ❑ Committee will establish a Chain of Command (COC) or Table of organization (TO) for coordinator position.
- ❑ HRWRP ⇒Advisory committee (AC) ⇒Rural Action. In other words, any member (HRWRP) will go to the AC with any concerns, comments or otherwise. If cannot be resolved locally, the AC will go to RA for assistance or discussion.

**Correspondence – Maureen**

- ❑ OSM Newsletter – Nice article on ACSI grant for group for Fern Hill reclamation project.

**Other items of discussion –**

- ❑ Awareness Day – Group received apology from one of teacher's for behavior of their students.
- ❑ Carl – recommend sending gratuity payment to Pastor Peggy for use of church basement for day.
  - Phil motioned for \$50.00 check be sent to Pastor Peggy



- Cheryl second motion.
- Maureen – Acknowledge the meeting that Carl and Phil attended in Columbus for support of SWCD (DWCD) funding support program. Money for program was allocated and approved. Good Job!!! Thanks for support.

Submitted by Cheryl Socotch, ODNR

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Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership, Inc  
July 19, 2005 meeting minutes

Carl Harsha acted as President in Ed Taggart's absence.

In attendance: Merv Burton, Carl Harsha, Phil Rufener, Judy Rufener, Bo Hysong, Mike Steinmaus, Mike Patterson, Glenn Beatty, Mike Farber, Cheryl Socotch and Maureen Wise.

Carl called the meeting to order at 5:40.

Maureen invited the members to renew their memberships. Carl stated that we would raise the price from \$5 this year to \$10 next year.

The terms for President and Treasurer were up. In Ed's absence, nominations for President were tabled until the next meeting. Judy was nominated to be Treasurer for the next term and accepted. The group still does not have a secretary. Mike Farber was nominated but declined. Carl urged all members to search for a person willing to help in this position. He also asked that Maureen make a presentation at the Mineral City Senior Center about the HRWRP and ask if any of the seniors would be interested in being secretary.

The June minutes were approved by all members.

Judy Rufener gave the Treasurer's Report: \$742.74 in June  
\$50 donation to MC UMC  
petty cash replenished  
\$125 added in donations for 5K and  
memberships  
now: \$786.72

Phil Rufener motioned to accept the report. Bo Hysong seconded.

OLD BUSINESS

VISTA: Maureen stated that Terri will start on July 21, that following Thursday. A note was passed around the group to welcome Terri. The office still needs a phone for her desk. Maureen asked that a member donate one for her to use.

At this time, the group deviated from the agenda and discussed that Rural Action started putting their "wish lists" online at Amazon.com. Maureen said that there is now a Huff Run wish list there as well.

Fun Day: Maureen went over different ideas and events that were held at the last Fun Day to see if the group still wanted to do them: dunking booth (although there was much discussion of the unsanitary water used, the group decided yes), watermelon eating contest (yes), basketball foul shot (yes), bake sale (yes). She then discussed additional items she was planning: the music has been lined up, a watershed skit with puppets, fair food venders (pending), and crafts. She said that she will really need help for registration in the morning for the 5K. The Fire Department is planning on having sausage sandwiches and so is the American Legion. Carl asked Maureen to contact the Fire Department to discuss who should do the sandwiches. Mike Steinmaus said that we should send out press releases about these events early.

RA/HRWRP MOU: Carl and Bo met with Mike Steinmaus at the last meeting to discuss some minor changes in the MOU. We are waiting to hear back from Rural Action.

Insurance Letter: Maureen received a letter from RA's insurance company that day about how the HRWRP can't be a rider on RA's insurance. She read the letter to the group. It did not clarify that if an event or project is organized by an RA employee (Maureen or Terri) that the event will be covered by their insurance. Maureen is to contact RA again to ask for an additional letter.

## NEW BUSINESS

Project Update: Cheryl gave a brief update about the Lyons project. Two impoundments have been eliminated and a lot of soil has been moved around. There have been some problems with the amount of trees removed. Usually, all the trees are piled up on the edges of the site for wildlife habitat but there are limestone channels on the edges of this site. A chipper has been hired to chip most of the trees. Jim (through Maureen) reports that 75% of the earthwork is done and that the project is ahead of schedule.

Again, out of order, Maureen announced that there will be an exclusive tour of the Lyons project for HRWRP members that following Thursday. Meet Jim Gue, Maureen and Terri (the new VISTA) at the Village Café at noon for lunch and with the tour starting at 1:00.

Recycling Ink Cartridges: Maureen has been doing some research on free fundraising. One of the easiest fundraisers is to collect ink cartridges and send them to companies who recycle them. They pay between \$1 and \$12 (unusual) per cartridge. We would ship them back to the companies for free and get a check cut each time we send them in. Maureen's husband's company has

already committed to donating their cartridges. Maureen asked that all members turn in theirs to the HRWRP office and ask other people to as well as look for additional companies to help out. The printer cartridges at the HRWRP office will be turned in for \$1. They also take cell phones. We will have to give \$20 of this to Rural Action.

Illegal Dumping: Maureen reminded the group that illegal dumping is the number two priority in the watershed after the new prioritizing we did at the Watershed Planning meeting. She may have found some funders to clean up dumps in Tuscarawas County and will continue looking for others. In addition to cleaning up dumps, the plan includes promoting recycling in the area. There are recycling drop off sites at the Sandy Township garage (which takes aluminum, plastic, cardboard, and glass) and Pike Township garage (which takes the afore mentioned products plus paper). Maureen has also found a web group in the area called Freecycle where people trade items instead of throwing them into a landfill. Maureen signed up the HRWRP to be part of the group. If anyone would like to participate, contact Maureen or visit their website (there is a link off the Huff Run site). Mike Steinmaus said that we should have a press release about this as well.

Correspondence:

Maureen presented the OSM newsletter with a page long article about the Lyons ground breaking events.

We also received a thank you from the Mineral City United Methodist Church for our donation.

Maureen thanked Carl and Marlene Harsha for the minifridge they donated to the HRWRP office.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Steinmaus and Maureen Wise.

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## **HRWRP Meeting Tuesday August 16, 2005**

Speaker introduction by Ed Taggart

Joyce Morrell talked about the importance of recycling and litter prevention and had a display of recycled products.

Meeting called to order by Ed

Treasures report was given. Small dispute about 5K money

Carl motioned to accept, Phil seconded the motion

Membership Renewals, \$35 was received

Window decals were a big hit

Carl said that the group would pay to get more of the decals

Maureen would check on prices

Voted for president

Merv nominated Ed

Ed accepted

Group voted with Ayes and Nays, Ayes won

Old Business

Secretary needed, Carl noted that this should be our number one priority.

He noted that we should talk to the senior citizens that meet at the senior center.

Fun Day- handed out itinerary flyers

Maureen went over the different tables that would be under our tent

Asked for basketballs for the tournament, Mike and Heidi Burton said they would bring some

Tent set-up 9am, Friday before event

We should have a display at the Party in the Park, Any volunteers?

Send Rosita a get well card

MOU, Committee will review new revision (Bo, Ed, Carl)

Carl brought up ownership of equipment bought by grants, Mike explained that the rightful owner of the equipment would be the administrator of the grant who received the money and did the legwork for it.

Maureen read a letter from RA's insurance company stating that if Rural Action (Maureen) is in charge of a project, activity or event that they would cover any liability involved, archive, copies to Ed and Carl

Project updates (Maureen)

Lyons 65% complete

Mineral-Zoar, bid in October

Watershed Plan Review, Fantastic review! Maureen will make the small changes and send back soon.

Grant Updates:

319- Acid Pit Phase II, trine, Hope RD

USEPA - targeted watershed, Belden looks good

OSM for Lyons- NO

Riparian Program and landowner education  
Discussed Arbor Day Foundation and FREE trees

Terri, QHEI Training and overnight stay in Columbus  
Merv motioned to have group pay for stay  
Carl set the limit at \$75  
Judy, second

Fall Tour with bus (Maureen), we have \$600.00  
Date set Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>  
Discussed food and no registration fees  
Maureen will call pastor at the church; will ask about the group serving food

Discussed fish and macroinvertebrate studies conducted by Midwest Biodiversity Institute  
Found lots of fish!

Passed out MRM annual reports

Discussed hydrocarbons at Linden. Should contact oil companies, to inform them of the potential for disaster if hydrocarbons got into the system.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm  
Submitted by Terri Sponaugle-Schrock

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### **Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership Meeting September 20, 2005**

In attendance: Merv Burton, Judy Rufener, Phil Rufener, Carl Harsha, Jim Gue, Nancy Summers, Maureen Wise, Terri Sponaugle- Schrock, Ed Taggart

Meeting Called to order by Ed 5:30pm

Treasures report read  
First motion to approve report, Carl  
Second, Merv

Old Minutes approved  
First motion to approve, Judy  
Second, Merv

Terri's Fish Demonstration, took suggestions

**Old Business**  
Fun Day Follow Up

\$400.00 earned from Fun Day  
Party in the Park-Fun Day Combo with City  
Group thought it would be a good idea  
Carl stated that the Fun Day is not accomplishing what we want it  
to accomplish and maybe this would.  
Nancy added that Crossroads and OEPA would like the idea.  
Maureen will be attending October 11<sup>th</sup> Party in the Park meeting  
Favorite and least favorite items at the Fun Day per group:  
Majority Least Favorite: weather  
Majority Most Favorite: children  
Carl made a statement about the display we meant to have at the Party in  
the Park this year and that he would not mind setting up displays in  
the future.

### Fall Tour

A lot of suggestions were made on what type of food we would like to  
have at the free lunch before the tour; meat and cheese, fried chicken,  
catered, potluck  
A food committee was formed: Maureen, Terri, Judy and Carl, possibly  
Phil  
First meeting will be Tuesday September 27 at 5:00pm  
The topic of money also came up, who would pay? Carl  
suggested he would pay half.  
Also, possibly as if Rural Action would help  
Suggestion for the tour, hayride  
Have to check with Mike (Rural Action) about liability  
Slideshow before tour begins

### **New Business**

Project update (Jim): Lyons completion November 15<sup>th</sup>.  
90% of the earthwork is finished  
Rock channels are under construction  
Seeding and mulching, possibly next week  
Three new projects for 2006:  
Harsha North, October 2006 (Clean Streams Grant)  
Design, East Part  
Drilling next week  
Thomas, Design 90% done  
Mineral-Zoar, 2006  
Belden: Targeted Watershed Grant, have the grant!!!  
Farr: new consultant on it who has been working with AMD to  
create dyes. We might actually make money on this site!  
Harsha South drilling study is in progress  
Lindentree: Lime and fertilizer to help grass grow has been spread

Carl brought up the tributary at the ball fields. A new ball field is being installed and they are encroaching into the riparian buffer. We should contact baseball association.

HRWRP will not endorse burying tributary which the association would like to do.

HRWRP funds:

Decals for members have been ordered at a cost of \$142.00 (\$2.85/ each)

20% of membership funds go to Rural Action not fundraising

Nonprofits cannot donate to Rosida Porter's children's fund, passed a hat to collect money

It was decided that \$50 in petty cash could go to the education program (can request more funds in the future, as needed)

T-shirt contest discussion

Patagonia donated 7 doz t-shirts for us. Our printing cost would come from HR treasury; profit from sales will go back into treasury

Did not decide on a sale cost (\$5-\$10)

Solid Waste District Agreement: There are four open/ illegal dumps on the Harsha North site. ODNR has agreed to pay up to \$25,000 for removal, transportation and disposal. Although generous, these funds will probably not cover the cost. Maureen visited the associated solid waste districts to ask them to waive the related fees. The Stark/Tusc/ Wayne Solid Waste District gave us a grant in the amount of the expected fees. The Carroll/ Columbiana/ Harrison District will waive the fees but would like to enter into a contract with the HRWRP and the landfill. Their request for items in the contract include: the waived fees restricted to only the dumps on the Harsha North Reclamation site and limited to 1000 tons, that an effort be made that all recyclable material be recycled and that all the trash be taken to proper facilities. The group agreed to enter into agreement with the District.

Ed Taggart adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Terri Sponaugle-Schrock, Huff Run VISTA

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**Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership, Inc Monthly Meeting**

**October 18, 2005**

In Attendance:

Melanie Eddy  
Ed Taggart  
Terri Sponaugle-Schrock  
Carl Harsha  
Bo Hysong  
Glen Beatty  
Mike Patterson  
Maureen Wise  
Cheryl Socotch

Ed called meeting to order at 5:45pm  
Ed read treasures report (Judy was absent)  
    Carl approved Bo Seconded  
Old minutes approved  
    Carl motioned to accept, Bo Seconded the motion

Old Business

Tour follow-up  
    Cheryl offered some comments from guests  
    All agreed to reformat the tour without the tour bus  
    Kirk Featheringham called about ruts in his yards  
        Carl said Phil and himself would fix the problem: will take care of  
        the issue as soon as possible, this week or early next week. Need  
        to talk to Phil.

New Business

Project Update: Cheryl  
    90% submittal by ATC for Harsha North  
    Buckeye mining is drilling on Harsha North, but not drilling the east side  
    There are additional monitoring wells on Harsha South, Jim purged them  
        Tuesday morning  
    Lyons is on schedule, may need extension if a significant amount of rain  
    occurs

Terri gave an update on the fair and festival displays. She also gave an update on community outreach events including a demonstration to the Mineral Senior Center and a letter to the Mineral City Baseball association about their new ball field and its affect on Huff Run.

Maureen discussed the Crossroads RC&D meeting and luncheon. Requested that the group pay to send Ed and her to the meeting and luncheon. Huff Run is on the agenda for discussion.



Carl motioned to send the two representatives to the meeting. Bo seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Maureen invited the Huff Run group to Rural Action's Renewing Our Communities Fundraiser luncheon. Passed out invitations.

Maureen also discussed the Harsha North Grant

Needs to be completed next summer under the Ohio 319 Grant with ODNR/MRM

Need match grant from OSM

Rural Action should administer the grant because the administrative costs of \$1500.00 could be put towards Maureen's salary or other HRWRP office needs.

Carl said "no MOU, no grants" in regards to Rural Action.

Advisory committee needs to hold a meeting to discuss this issue.

Ed Adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm

Minutes Submitted by Terri Sponaugle Schrock

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### Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership

#### **November 15, 2005 Meeting Minutes**

Mineral City American Legion

5:30 to 6:38

In attendance: Ed Taggart, Terri Sponaugle-Schrock, Bo Hysong, Nancy Summers, Carl Harsha, Jim Toms, Merv Burton, Linda Ross, Judy Rufener, Phil Rufener, Maureen Wise

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Linda Ross, new member and proposed secretary was welcomed. Carl Harsha nominated her as secretary. P. Rufener seconded. Accepted.

July Rufener gave a treasurer's report. \$32 was paid to Crossroads for meeting fees  
\$5 was taken in as L. Ross's membership  
\$1,330.10 total

C. Harsha motioned to accept report. Nancy Summers seconded. Accepted.

E. Taggart asked if past meeting minutes were read online and approved. C. Harsha motioned to accept minutes. E. Taggart seconded. Accepted.

### Old Business

MOU between HRWRP and RA E. Taggart discussed the MOU between Rural Action and the Partnership. B. Hysong, E. Taggart and C. Harsha met as a subcommittee and discussed changes. All have been accepted by RA. The only sticking point now is the language about 20% membership

dues going to RA. Maureen Wise and E. Taggart were told that this mean 20% of RA memberships from HRWRP members would go to RA and the other 80% would be put into a RA account for the HRWRP office. E. Taggart will be attending RA's Renewing Our Communities meeting the next day and will discuss changing the language to reflect this understanding. C. Harsha motioned that if E. Taggart comes to an agreement and the MOU is changed to reflect this, that the MOU be signed. P. Rufener seconded. Accepted.

## New Business

Coordinator's Report M. Wise reported that she is changing the format of the Coordinator's Report. She has been told that a listing of what she is doing has not been sufficient for members. She will not put it into calendar form and disperse at the meetings.

Office Announcement M. Wise announced that the HRWRP office will be moving to the front offices of the former Mineral City Village Hall. The Council meeting rooms and offices will be moved to the new library. They need someone to take care of paying for utilities for the Village Hall building. We were offered a lease of \$1 per year if we could cover utilities – water, electricity, gas, phone plus reimburse them for structural insurance. M. Wise had been given estimates on costs for utilities and they will work with what has been budgeted in grants. C. Harsha was concerned about RA's liability insurance covering a government building. E. Taggart put C. Harsha and P. Rufener in charge of attending MCVC meetings and obtaining the lease agreement.

Grant Update M. Wise gave updates on grants. She stated that our Ohio EPA 319 grant that was pending since the summer was not accepted due to ODNR/MRM match falling through. She also said that she is working on a grant for Harsha North from OSM's Appalachian Clean Stream Initiative Program. She also excitedly announced that Rural Action and HRWRP were awarded the US EPA Targeted Watershed Grant we applied for this past summer. Only 12 grants were given in the nation! They are awarding a total of \$711,301 with ODNR/MRM match of \$299,593. This will fund our Belden project, environmental education such as Fun Day, Awareness Day, school programs, office supplies and equipment as well as Maureen's salary through 2008. No details have been given yet.

December Meeting M. Wise asked if we wanted to have a meeting in December. Many years the group has elected to not have a meeting because the meeting date was too close to Christmas. The body decided to have a meeting if needed only to discuss the lease agreement and office move.

December Conferences M. Wise told the group that she and T. Sponaugle-Schrock would be out of office quite a bit in December due to many meetings and conferences. They would be attending a meeting of the SE Ohio Watershed Council on Dec 6, ODNR/MRM's Applied Research Conference Dec 7 & 8, and a sampling training on Dec 13 & 14. Also, all RA employees are given December 26 through Dec 30 off.

Project Update M. Wise gave a project update in Jim Gue and Cheryl Socotch's absence. She said that the coal company interested in Harsha North has decided that they are no longer interested in the land because they have determined there is no coal. Since this word has been given,

ODNR/MRM has moved ahead with the Harsha North project. Also, the Lyons project construction has been extended into December.

At this point, the group moved away from the agenda and E. Taggart told the group that a few people from ODNR/ Soil and Water who administer the Watershed Coordinator grants would be attending a personal tour with M. Wise and T. Sponaugle-Schrock in a few weeks. A new person has been hired to replace Rosida and she will be attending.

M. Wise gave a message from Mike Steinmaus that he was sorry that this was the third meeting he could not attend.

P. Rufener asked if our meeting space would be changed to the new office once we have moved. We would need to obtain new tables and chairs. C. Harsha said that we should do it after the signs are changed and we should have an open house.

Fundraising T. Sponaugle-Schrock said that she has done some research on new fundraising ideas without any money up front. Pizza Hut has an interesting program that involves doing some advertising for a certain night. We give out flyers with our name and their address and the date. We get 15% of profits from people who order that night with a flyer. Much discussion ensued about whether to proceed or to hold the issue. In the end, the item was tabled.

Members ask M. Wise to provide more information on what grants are pending and which are in place.

Merv Burton said that we should invite our new Sandy Township Trustee to our meetings after the first of the year.

E. Taggart closed the meeting at 6:38.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ross, Secretary and Maureen Wise, Watershed Coordinator

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**Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership**  
**December 20, 2005 Meeting Minutes**  
Mineral City American Legion  
5:30 to 7:00

In Attendance: Linda Ross, Ed Taggart, Terri Sponaugle-Schrock, Carl Harsha, Merv Burton, Phil Rufener, Jim Gue, Cheryl Socotch, Jim Toms, Bo Hysong, Ed Leszek, Glenn Beatty, Maureen Wise

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Both the Treasurer's Report and the Minutes Approval were tabled until the next meeting.

### **Business**

#### Establishment of HRWRP office in former Mineral City Village Hall Offices

Carl Harsha and Maureen Wise gave background information as follows:

Three Wishes show came to Mineral City and erected a new library. The Village of Mineral City cannot afford to keep both buildings – their current Village Hall and the library. They are moving their offices and meeting space into the library conference room. Because the HRWRP was leasing the back of the building, they were given preference for leasing the front office space. If a lease is accepted, it will only be for \$1/ year but we must also pay for all utilities and insurance. The Mineral City Village Council prefers to lease to HRWRP instead of RA because they are local. It has been proposed that a joint lease be written up. The Council agreed to this but did not vote on it.

Discussion continued about insurance issues. C. Harsha was unsure if RA's liability insurance would be sufficient for a government owned building. No one was sure if the City was keeping their structural and liability insurance and we were reimbursing or if HRWRP/ RA had to obtain new insurance for the building. C. Harsha had done some research about HRWRP obtaining both insurance types on the building if RA could not find the correct kind. Time is of the essence.

Bo Hysong motioned to accept a partnership with RA to lease the office space contingent on necessary liability insurance. The body voted unanimously.

Phil Rufener was to obtain the lease agreement from the solicitor. The group agreed to let P. Rufener, C. Harsha, E. Taggart and B. Hysong review the lease and accept it without the rest of the body reviewing it. P. Rufener would give it to M. Wise who would fax copies to B. Hysong and distribute via postal mail otherwise.

B. Hysong also motioned to let C. Harsha and E. Taggart accept the lease at the MCVC meeting. The body voted unanimously.

M. Wise was also to obtain proof of liability insurance from RA and give to P. Rufener who would give to the Council.

C. Harsha asked if the group would be interested in researching and obtaining Directors and Officers' insurance. C. Harsha made a motion. G. Beatty seconded. The group voted unanimously.

E. Taggart closed the meeting at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ross, Secretary and Maureen Wise, Watershed Coordinator