

**HINKSON CREEK COLLABORATIVE ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT
RIPARIAN SUBCOMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2018

10:00 am

Boone County Government Center Conference Room 301

Attending: Paul Mehrle, Jennifer Sullivan, Lynne Hooper, Bill Florea, Tom Wellman, John Mehuys, Ben Londeree, Mike Powell, Nicki Fuemmeler

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Tom Wellman at 10:05 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING- April minutes were approved.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

a. El Chaparral Update

John Mehuys presented an annual report for El Chaparral.

b. USDA RCPP Update

It sounds as if a new Farm Bill is a high priority for the federal legislature. No word on whether RCPP will be a part of the new bill, but we may learn something soon.

c. Hinkson Land Management Workshop Fall 2018

The event is scheduled for September 13 from 6-9pm at the Bob Lemone building in Hallsville. Dinner will be provided. Nicki and Lynne visited the building to make sure it would work.

i. Two speakers have already been lined up;

- John George of Conservation Dept. to talk about native plants
- Mike Powell to talk about the Conservation Easements

ii. Lynne will be talking to the Boone County Soil and Water Conservation District to find a local producer who can speak about practices from a local farmer's perspective.

iii. Boone County IT has been helping Lynn prepare a map of animal operations in order to help focus invitations.

iv. Jennifer said she would find out who took over for Bob Broz in MU Extension

The group discussed the need to make the event relevant and practical for farmers. The Farm Bureau would be a good partner if they are willing.

d. Next Steps

i. Hinkson Woods- John Mehuys has been talking with Conservation Dept. about getting a 5 Star Grant to work on some restoration. There is drained pond that could be re-established as good amphibian habitat.

ii. The upcoming Stakeholder tour may include some riparian sites – we should be ready to present to them about what it takes to do restoration; prep work, invasive removal, available grants, etc.

- iii. Mike Powell noted that quarry pits in the Hinkson Valley Greenbelt Trust property might be a good habitat restoration project. He noted that the Audubon Society has done a bird survey there and should have a bird list soon.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS

Mike announced that Greenbelt Trust is hosting a legal education workshop on conservation easements on the June 25, 2018. The cost is \$100 and 4.5 Continuing Education hours will be provided for attorneys. Sign-up is through the Greenbelt website, <https://greenbeltmissouri.org/>

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

7. Meeting adjourned ~ 11:15am.