

Red Bird River Restoration Project – March 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Location: Big Creek Elementary School

In attendance: Lynn Garrison, Stewart West, Tessa Edelen, Josh Baker, Kathlyn Baker, Merle Hacker, Steve Beam, Angie Muncy, Chris Reid, William Schiffer, Jon Walker, Marie Walker, Thomas Dozier, Melvin Hoskins, Jane Lair, John Hull, Heather Miller, Paula Jones, Rich Kreitzer, Henry Ledford, Manuel Mosley, and Shannon Meadows.

Opening Comments

Thomas Dozier, District Ranger for the Redbird Ranger District, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Facilitator Lynn Garrison explained the meeting format and introduced Jon Walker.

Guest Speaker Jon Walker

Jon Walker, hydrologist for the Daniel Boone National Forest, spoke to the group about the water quality data and how these data relate to things we can do to protect good water quality and improve poor water quality. These actions, from improving failing septic systems to holding river cleanups, are known as Best Management Practices (or BMPs). His presentation parallels the work presented in Chapter 4 of the watershed plan. Jon went on to offer several examples of different types of both structural and non-structural BMPs relating to garbage, riparian (or streamside) vegetation, agriculture, coal mining impacts, failing septic, stream restoration, and public education.

Attendees were informed that a draft copy of Chapter 4 was available to pick up and review. Feedback on the content of Chapter 4 is requested from everyone.

Break out group session

The committees were to meet and discuss which BMPs would be most applicable to water quality issues and the most feasible for the community. Instead of breaking into individual groups, however, the entire group stayed together and had an energetic discussion about garbage and septic issues in the watershed.

Announcements

Lynn reminded the group to read over Chapter 4 and share comments with the group. The chapter should be easy to read and understandable to everyone. All the chapters are available at the project website: www.redbirdriverwatershed.com

The next meeting date was tentatively set for Tuesday, May 14, 2013; location tba.