

## **Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed Minutes**

February 9, 2012 6:00 pm Stoughton Library

In Attendance: Lynne, Marsha, Sharon, Christine, Ingrid, Jim P, Scott, Caroline

Guest: Carl Chenoweth

Christine introduced Carl Chenoweth (cchenoweth@charter.net), who is joining FBCW Plan Committee. Carl is a member of the Rock River Coalition, President of Stoughton City Council, and hunts in the Badfish Creek Wildlife Area.

### ***Old Business:***

1. Strategic Plan, Status Report, QR cards are all in final stages. Marsha asked for final edits.

Brainstormed about Local Officials addendum:

1. Natural Resource Area in Dane County POSP
  2. realtors should list the NRA as recreational opportunities
  3. relationship building among FBCW and officials in both Dane and Rock
  4. their responsibility as stewards of the land and water resources
  5. enhancements to the watershed benefit landowners (voters)
  6. resource for schools
  7. restoration and invasive species control
  8. paddlers, anglers, hunters, trappers, hikers, birders (voters) all use the resources
  9. opportunities for non-consumptive silent sports
  10. improve aesthetics of watershed
  11. economics (draws tourism/hunters/anglers)
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### **Who will write the copy for this???**

2. Dane County POSP will be approved soon.

3. MMSD grant for \$425 was approved as matching funds for Dane County Environmental Council grant. Jim D and Lynne met new MMSD director Michael Mucha, who expressed broad support for FBCW efforts.

4. Lynne will submit DCEC grant app before Feb 22 deadline.

5. **Marsha is working on the User Survey, needs input from the group.**

### ***New Business:***

#### **Rock County partnerships**

Reported on meetings with Lori Williams and Joleen Stinson of Rock County Parks, and Paul Benjamin of Rock County Planning & Development:

Parks will add a FBCW Web site link, and solicit input from FBCW for their 2014-19 strategic plan (**see the 2007-12 plan on their web site to find places where our info would fit in**).

Badfish is already a canoe trail on their Natural Resource map. Joleen will contact us about coordinating a Riley Road stop on their fall Bike Event, touring invasive species sites.

Paul recommended contacting Al Sweeney, Rock County Supervisor who lives and farms near Casey Road & Badfish Creek. Al was nominated for a Gathering Waters award, is enrolled in *Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements Program (PACE)*, is on the Town of Porter Plan Commission. (Followup: Lynne called Al mid-Feb and invited him to 3-8-12 meeting – he will try to attend.)

### **US Fish & Wildlife partnership**

(email copy FYI)

Hi Lynne,

My name is Ben Axt, and I am a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish & Wildlife program. I provide financial and technical assistance to private landowners interested in completing wetland restorations on their property. It is great to see that your group is so involved with the creek. I have funding that is directed at restoring wetland hydrology such as removing drainage tiles, plugging ditches, and shallow wetland scrapes. If the Friends of Badfish Creek have any prospective restoration sites in the watershed I'd be happy to discuss them and make a site visit to assess them for restoration potential. Let me know if you have any ideas or questions and feel free to pass on my contact information to other interested parties.

Thanks,

Ben Axt

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### **Canoeecopia 2012**

River Alliance booth needs volunteers March 9-11. Contact Sharon White

[swhite@wisconsinrivers.org](mailto:swhite@wisconsinrivers.org) (already signed up: Marsha – Friday, 4-6; Lynne – Saturday, 9-noon)

### **Canoe Outing and Picnic 2012**

Saturday, August 25, 9am-noon, Hwy 138-Riley Road. Rain date is Aug 26.

*Next Meeting: Wed, March 7, 6-8, Stoughton Library lower level*

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Diebel