



Lower Grand River Watershed Project

Information and Education Subcommittee Minutes

Meeting Date: May 17, 2004

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Kent County Road Commission – 1500 Scribner, Grand Rapids

Prepared By: Donna Stevens

Attending: John Koches, Corky Overmyer, Bonnie Shupe

Item 1: Introduction

Mr. John Koches brought the meeting to order. Mr. Koches handed out the I & E chapter to the Watershed Management Plan for review.

Item 2: Review of Minutes

The committee members were given the minutes from the April 20, 2004 meeting for review.

Item 3: Inherent Problems Associated with Watershed Projects

- The process of managing a watershed is very overwhelming. The problems that the watershed has today will not go away by themselves. Citizens have to realize that these issues already exist, and their participation is necessary.
- The process required to educate the watershed citizen is long-term in scope. Residents must be educated and continually tested in order to see what their knowledge is and what has held their interest.
- From a watershed prospective this organization has to get past the mind set that “this is the way it has always been done, therefore this is the way it should always be done.”

Item 4: Watershed Management Plan

Mr. Koches will e-mail the I & E chapter to the Watershed Management Plan to the rest of the committee for their review. Mr. Koches welcomes concerns, suggestions, and constructive criticism.

The next step for the Watershed Management Plan is to proof read it and correct all grammatical and spelling errors. After the plan has been checked over it will be sent to Fishbeck for formatting.

Item 5: Future Meetings

It was agreed by the committee members in attendance that no further Information & Education Subcommittee meetings were required.