



Planning Committee Meeting - Minutes

June 9, 2022 10:00AM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

In attendance

Brooke Hagarty, Soil Scientist/Hydrologist - *USFS-Shawnee National Forest*

Orval Rowe, Deputy Coordinator - *Jackson County Emergency Management Agency*

Scott Wilmoth, Manager - *Kinkaid -Reed's Creek Conservancy District*

Staff Present

Kelsey Bowe, *Environmental Planner*

Tyler Carpenter, *GIS and Environmental Planning Director*

Tyler Carpenter with Greater Egypt opened the meeting with introductions of staff and attendees. A review of previous meetings detailed prior planning efforts during the planning process. This included watershed planning meetings, and other public meetings.

Staff reviewed the current timeline of submitting the plan draft to IEPA. While approval of the plan is required by IEPA, planning partners are still encouraged to submit potential water quality grants during this time prior to final approval. Planning partners were instructed to reference the plan in future applications. Partners will have a few weeks to review the document. The final draft will be submitted to IEPA on June 30, 2022.

Staff reviewed the *Nine Minimum Elements of a Watershed-based Plan* required by IEPA for approval. Staff discussed each component including the inventory and assessment, best management practices, load reductions and targets, education and outreach, and an overall implementation and monitoring strategy. The Kinkaid Creek Watershed-based Plan incorporates all of these components. Additional sections in the plan include climate change and dam safety.

The future planning for the project was discussed. This included IEPA/EPA review and approval of the plan. Staff explained the importance of continuing the planning group and that the plan can be altered in the implementation phase (10 years following plan approval). Staff also explained Greater Egypt's role in future watershed activities. This includes grant administration for potential water quality grants.

Meeting adjourned.