

Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee

Otsego County Meadows Building

Wednesday, August 31st, 2011



Members Present:

Holly Waterfield, Biological Field Station
Terry Bliss, Otsego County Planning Dept.
Darla Youngs, Otsego County Conservation Association
Scott Fickbohm, Otsego County Soil & Water Conservation District
Vince Stayer, Goodyear Lake Association
Tony Capraro, USDA Natural resources Conservation Service

Holly called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm after the presentation given by George Casey of the Army Corps of Engineers re: Lakeshore restoration.

- I. **Review of Minutes** –A motion was made by Tony to accept the July minutes as presented, seconded by Vince and carried unanimously.
- II. **Treasurer's Report** - Blanche Hurlbutt from SWCD prepared a treasurers report that was provided to the Committee by Scott. The committee had no questions or concerns and the report was accepted.
- III. **WQCC Old Business**
 - a. **Selection of Topic Meetings** – The Committee agreed that the presentation given that day should be repeated because of DEC absence (due to flooding). The Committee also felt the meeting might re-publicized as an evening meeting with direct invitations going to contractors. The next meeting would have representation from ACE, DEC and the District. It was generally felt that turnout was good, but given that DEC plays such a large role in Shoreline restoration efforts, that only “half the story was told.”

The topic of September's meeting was discussed. Scott suggested a meeting to discuss efforts related to water quality monitoring of ground and surface water being taken on by USGS, SUNY, SWCD and OCCA. Scott will follow up with the members of the local working group to see if they would be interested in presenting the groups efforts to the public.

Darla suggested having a presentation given by private sector companies whose work is related to water quality as the focus of a future meeting.

If a topic/presentation meeting cannot be arranged for September, the group will still meet to discuss member activities.

Respectfully Submitted by Scott Fickbohm, September 6, 2011