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**Minutes**  
**Ulaao Creek Partnership Meeting**  
**October 9, 2006**

**Room 218, Ozaukee County Administrative Building**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Mike Grisar, Noel Cutright, Andrew Struck, Lesley Brotkowski, Andy Holschbach, David Schwengel, Paul Helms, Shawn Graff, Marije Tomter, Karin Manley, and August Hoppe.

**UCP Organization:** A model for successful non-profit organization was developed at the Conservation in Common conference. Core leaders- volunteer leaders- steady volunteers- volunteers- members/public. This organization layout works as a pyramid with increased numbers of participants further down the pyramid.

**UCP Mission/Goals:** It was agreed that the UCP mission statement remains relevant. One of the main goals for 2007 is to increase participation using the pyramid model. 2007 projects will be geared to bring attention to the watershed. It was agreed that a major project that shows tangible and visible benefits will increase our visibility and hopefully participation within the group.

**Grafton Open Space Committee:** The Open Space committee now is working closely with Grafton engineers in the creation of Planned Unit Developments. PUD's are conservation subdivisions that are not directly influenced with standard zoning rules. The Open Space committee can meet with developers. Negotiations take place with developers to allow placements of trails, open space, and parks. Each subdivision has a management plan for their natural resources. This plan must be followed or penalties may be levied. The UCP might take the responsibility in managing some easements that may be created under Planned Unit Developments.

**Swamp tour: Winter '07** The route of the swamp tour will stretch from Tom Latzel's property to Tim Kaul's. Activities might include a GPS cache exercise and/or a bird count led by Noel Cutright. Chili Dump for food at the end of the day.

**2007 Projects:** Many different ideas for projects were discussed.

- Creek Clean Up Project- remove impediments in designated flume area. Sites may be matched up with sites designated by the Northern Environmental study.
- Invasive Plant Removal
- Fish Survey
- Supporting different organizations through tie-in events such float to coincide with the event being held by the Friends of the Milwaukee River.

- Barn Dance at Avonstead Farm

**Other business:**

Mike Grisar is writing a letter endorsing a greenseams property located on Bonniwell Road in Mequon. Greenseams is a partnership between the Conservation Fund and MMSD.

Karin Manley spoke of removal of thistles by using a bleach solution. Bleach solution is less expensive than other herbicide treatments. This was a home remedy most others had not heard of.

Newsletter will be created in November. This will highlight our projects and also include a dues solicitation. August Hoppe will work on this project.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Next meeting date was scheduled for January 22 at 5:30 in room 218 in the Ozaukee Co. Building.