

The Ulao Creek Partnership mission is to form an alliance of concerned citizens, landowners, and public and private organizations to protect and improve the water quality and natural habitats in the Ulao Creek watershed.



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# Ulao Creek Partnership Minutes January 24, 2012, 5:30 p.m. Room 218 Ozaukee County Administration Building

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The meeting was called to order by August at 5:30 p.m.

In attendance were August Hoppe, Mike Grisar, Karin Manley, Debbie Davis, Kurt Gruetzmacher, Paul Helms, Andy Holschbach, Tom Latzl, Dave Schwengel, and Steve Wilkinson.

**Approval of Minutes**

August made a motion, seconded by Tom, to approve the June 2, 2011 minutes. Motion carried. It was noted that the date for the next Treasures of Oz event will be June 16, 2012.

**Treasurers Report**

The treasurer's report was given by Karin Manley. A motion was made by Andy, seconded by Tom, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**New Business**

Discussion on future of partnership (what is our vision for the future?)  
Not enough interest. Why continue?

The future of the Partnership was discussed. Due to lack of interest and participation from its members, what should the focus of the Partnership be if we are going to continue on as a Partnership.

Attendees discussed the original reason for forming the Partnership and staying with its original reasoning. It was established to keep the creek flowing and doing various projects to keep it clean and free from impediments. While there are currently more federal and state regulations than when the UCP was formed, it has made a definite impact on Ulao Creek and the community.

It was decided to try to generate interest in the Partnership by keeping the public informed of the value of our group to Ulao Creek and keeping them educated about the many projects we have done to help maintain the flow of the creek.

Four things discussed for 2012 are:

- A winter walk through the swamp
- A tree planting in the early spring
- Fish impediment check in the summer
- Invasive species control

A creek walk will be organized by August for February or early March.

A tree planting was discussed for early spring. August brought in a list of trees from a nursery for possible planting. A tree planting of 45-50 trees was

proposed for the Hoppe property. This would be a direct benefit to habitat. A motion was made by Andy, seconded by Karin to support a tree planting on the Hoppe land not to exceed \$1,500 to be organized by Mike and August. Discussion about other possible locations followed. Motion carried.

### **Invasive species control**

Removing willows in the creek on near Hwy 60 was discussed. If any chemicals are used, that would require a permit. It was noted that there was a big choke hold near Americorp that needs to be cleaned up. Andy will relay that to Andrew.

### **Outreach**

#### ***Membership***

A tree drawing was discussed for new membership signups for up to 3 trees native to the area, 2-2/12 year old. A motion was made by Mike, seconded by Karin to approve funds from the budget for a tree drawing give away coordinated by August, Steve and Andy, not to exceed \$800. Motion carried.

#### ***Newsletter (electronic only?)***

After much discussion about whether or not to send electronically only, it was decided to mail the newsletter to those who do not have email addresses and email the newsletter to those we have email addresses for. The newsletter will also be posted on the UCP website and linked to the town of Grafton website. Remittance envelopes will be included in the mailed newsletters.

Articles to be included in the newsletter.

- 2012 President Greeting by August
- Free Tree Give Away Announcement
- Water Quality Monitoring by Andy
- Tree Planting by Steve and Andy
- Kurt will submit an article about Tim's project
- Andrew will write an article about the Fish Passage Program

The newsletter articles should be sent to Debbie by February 17 for March 1<sup>st</sup> mailing. We want to have that complete before our next meeting in April.

### **Old Business**

#### **Gateway Property**

UCP participants removed garlic mustard at the site in May 2011.

Ownership of the gateway easement does not seem likely. August will contact Kraig and let him know of our decision. We would still like to continue using the site for various projects as it is needed. Stewardship may still be a possibility.

#### **Water Quality Update**

August monitored his property summer 2011 and will continue in 2012. Andy said that monitoring is continuing monthly at Hwy 60 and Falls road. Andrew can give an update on the Fish Passage monitoring for the newsletter.

The Water Action Volunteers database has been linked on UCP website

An annual report card of SE Wisconsin watershed was received and August will bring to the next meeting.

**Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Dept Fish Passage Program**

Andrew was unable to attend the UCP meeting, but will give an update relevant to Ulao Creek Watershed in our UCP newsletter

**Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

**Adjournment**

At 7:42 p.m. Paul made a motion, seconded by Tom to adjourn. Motion carried.