

**Executive Steering Council
Minutes
September 10, 2008
1:30 – 3:30 pm
Technology Innovation Center (please see attached map)
Conference Room 116
*Actions required!***

Welcome and Introductions.

Welcome new members Neil Palmer and Henry Hamilton

Approval of minutes: *Bernadette to complete and distribute minutes by Sept 24.*

Chairman's Report.

1.) Status Report:

Sweet Water Trust Website – Nancy Frank

Joyce Foundation Grant – Peter McAvoy

Watershed Restoration Plans – Concept & Schedule. – Tim Bate

2.) Update: Establishing Technical/Science Advisory Committee / Modeling Committee: *Agreement on approach; add member of M-7 water council; add member of ag industry; initial terms of standing committee will be one year Committee will elect its chairman; name of committee will be Science/Technical Committee; start recruitment.*

3.) Update: Establishing a Watershed Action Teams for the Menomonee River and the KK River. *Agreement on approach; bring recommendations of WAT "core members" to next meeting for review and approval.*

4.) Update: SWWT registration as a 501(c)(3) organization; *Peter McAvoy will meet with additional funders and ask their advice; Peter, Kevin and Pat will meet with Bruce Keys to ask his advice and help.*

5.) Discussion/Process to initiation of the next set of Watershed Restoration Plans: *An Ad Hoc committee was established to develop criteria for selection, identification of potential sources of funding; to make a recommendation of next watersheds. Ad Hoc Committee is SEWRPC Mike Hahn, MMSD. Ozaukee County Andy Holshpach, Root Pike Susan Greenfield, Pat Marchese.*

6.) Discussion of Proposed Projects Supported by the Trust:

○ Update: Agricultural Buffer/Stormwater BMP Pilot Project.

○ New proposal: Mini Grant program to encourage green infrastructure and educational programs.

The Council, supports the Ag Buffer/Stormwater BMP Pilot Project; the Council supports the Mini-grant and River Pulse projects to be considered for inclusion in the Joyce Grant; Pat Marchese & Bernadette will develop a draft, project review process which includes, project criteria to be used by

organizations or individuals who would like to submit projects to the ESC, and a template application form; and a prioritization and ranking system for review at the next ESC meeting.

7.) Discussion of the proposed Joyce Foundation Grant.

- SWWT participation
- Development of potential projects.

The Council agreed on the following: Sweet Water Trust should be the applicant of the next grant, and as such will provide staff support, input, review and approval of projects and the entire grant package.

8.) Planning for 2009 SWWT “Sweet Water” Trust Annual Summit

The MMSD and SEWRPC will organize, plan and hold the 2009 Annual Conference. The Sweet Water Trust will plan, organize and host the 2010 Annual Conference.

9.) Solicit funding for Sweet Water Trust start up costs.

Pat Marchese will solicit funds for the Web site, and start up costs.

10.) Executive Steering Council Topic Briefings

11.) Meeting Schedule: Next Meeting; Wednesday October 8, 2008, same time, same place.

12.) Adjourn