

**HINKSON CREEK COLLABORATIVE ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT  
RIPARIAN SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2017**

**10:00 am**

Boone County Government Center Conference Room 301

**Attending:** Lynne Hooper, John Mehuys, Ted Haeussler, Nicki Fuemmeler, Tom Wellman, Mike Powell, Bill Florea, Jennifer Sullivan, Frank Gordon

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Tom Wellman at 10:05 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING- November minutes were approved.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- USDA RCPP Program Outline
  - Potential Practices/Projects for the program
    - Stream Protection (cattle exclusion, watering stations, etc.)
    - Soil Improvement (education and outreach, demonstration, etc.)
    - Buffer Restoration and Conservation Easements
      - Greenbelt could consider accepting Conservation Easements for administration and maintenance if the easement is set up to match their requirements – also could be included as match if property in production?
      - Maintenance costs can be written into the grant funding
      - Could write specific practices into easement to conform with specific land use
    - Field Borders including cover crops to improve soil structure
    - Stream Stabilization
      - Missouri Department of Conservation has a person available to consult regarding stream stabilization
    - Minor tributary Grade Controls to stop headcutting
    - Outreach and Education

Most of these are directly from the list of projects that the Boone County Soil and Water Conservation District offers. Many of them overlap, i.e. Education and Outreach overlaps with everything.

- Prioritization of Projects
  - Mike Powell agreed to start work on a scoring matrix for potential projects
    - Things to consider are project type and the nexus between it and possible Hinkson stressors (water quality, hydrologic response, etc.)
    - Is the landowner considering more than one practice on the same property?
    - Location of the project with respect to the creek
    - Land use

- Cost/benefit
- Budget
  - Need to get an idea of what partners are willing to contribute
    - Lynne to speak with Sherry Fischer at MDC
    - Mike will speak with Fish and Wildlife (hardwood restoration in riparian corridors as a point of interest for them?)
    - Boone County Soil and Water Conservation probably has a good idea of unmet needs and what projects cost for budget preparation– Lynne to contact them.
    - Mike will also contact the Conservation Heritage Foundation to see if there are funds available from the Stream Stewardship Trust Fund.
    - Each entity needs to generate an idea of what they can contribute towards match projects or programs
      - Projects which are on the list but don't qualify directly for grant funding may be used as match
        - El Chaparral Riparian Restoration
        - Minor Tributary Grade Control
- Questions
  - Does the ground leased by MU to USDA (between MU golf course and Hinkson Creek) count as “land in production”? i.e. does it qualify directly for grant funding under RCPP?
- Be ready to present a broad outline of what we're trying to do here at the next Stakeholder and Science Team Meetings. Be prepared to discuss further at Action Team.

## 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS

- No announcements

## 6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- USDA RCCP Funding Program
- El Chaparral Update
- Next meeting to be January 9, 2018

## 7. ADJOURN

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.