

**HINKSON CREEK COLLABORATIVE ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT  
RIPARIAN SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 10, 2018**

**10:00 am**

Boone County Government Center Conference Room 301

**Attending:** Jennifer Sullivan, Lynne Hooper, Tom Wellman, John Mehuys, Ben Londeree, Mike Powell, Tim Reilly

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was approved.

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

4. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Hinkson Woods 5-Star Grant Update

i. John Mehuys met with Conservation Dept

- Talked about partnerships. Letters of support will be needed.
- Metrics for the Grant
  - Remove invasives
  - Tree survival
  - Riparian restoration
  - Wetland restoration
  - Improved management
  - Public education
  - Teacher education
  - In-stream tour
  - Volunteer participation
  - Site monitoring
- Talked about how the area might be reforested
  - Lyne noted forest remnant upstream of Flat Branch along Hinkson near USDA fields

b. Next Steps – Nothing new for the group

5. Announcements/Comments

a. Mike Powell noted that Greenbelt Landtrust is formulating a new management plan for their Hinkson Creek property (just downstream of Rock Quarry Rd.)

- Plan will focus on access for folks to appreciate it.
- Discussing a bikes and birds event with Pednet and Audubond
- The quarry pits are not good wetland resoration candidates

b. Mike also noted that he had spoken with Karen Massey (of Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (EIERA) about using revolving loans to foster wetland/riparian work.

- Works well as part of large capital projects
  - Budget neutral
  - Ms Massey said ideal projects for us would be
    - something with a nexus to Hinkson
    - Associated with an overall project that is early in development
- c. RCPP – Farm Bill conference to bring together senate and house bills will be soon. So far, RCPP is in both bills. Legislators want to be done by August.
- d. Agriculture Conservation Easement Program from NRCS. There’s a potential to leverage money to acquire conservation easements, if we have money to leverage.
- e. The idea of a stream and wetland mitigation bank is being presented to City Council at the next pre-Council meeting.
6. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
- a. Hinkson Land Management Workshop at Hallsville