

# Jelkes-Fox Watershed Action Group Steering Committee

## MINUTES

November 17, 2011

Otto Engineering

11 West Main, Carpentersville, IL 60110

7:00 – 9:00 pm

### I. Introductions:

Kelsey Musich, KDSWCD

Margaret Scalfaro, Resident

Candice Jacobs, KDSWCD

Mike Ander, Resident

Maggie Soliz, Pizzo & Associates

Ron & Irene Dittmer, Resident

Lee Barrett, Resident

Meeting Handouts Include: Last meeting minutes (10.27.2011). To view this handout, go to [www.kanedupageswcd.org](http://www.kanedupageswcd.org)

### II. Review of previous meetings/events:

- a. Kelsey announced that there will be a FREP Noon Network on November 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 discussing all the watershed plans going on in the Fox River Watershed and where each are at in their planning processes. There will also be a couple of Grant Writing Workshops around the first of the year for anyone who is interested. You can visit FREP's website for details: <http://foxriverecosystem.org>

### III. Presentations:

- a. Tom Roeser, Otto Engineering, shared with the group the history of Otto Engineering, its buildings, and its programs. Otto Engineering was started in 1961 manufacturing communications and controls. They own and have renovated several building along the Fox River in Carpentersville with many energy efficient and environmentally friendly materials.
- b. East Dundee Fox River Shoreline Resident: No attendance
- c. Community Garden Announcement: Margaret Scalfaro briefly talked about the Kane County 2030 Smart Growth plan and provided a copy of it to the group. She would like to see some of these principles implemented in the Watershed.

### IV. RAPM Watershed Assessment:

Kelsey took the group on a visual tour of many of the stream and gully locations

that were inventoried for the RAPM Watershed Assessment. She informed the group of the process of the inventory along with the benefits of the assessment. Through the physical assessment, land use analysis, and the use of the RUSLE formula, we will be able to determine the tons of soil loss/sediment load through the system within the watershed. This is just one piece of the Watershed inventory that will be included in the plan.

V. Watershed Action Plan update:

- a. Landowner Ideas/Concerns: The importance of stakeholder willingness to implement projects was discussed. Kelsey proposed two questions to the group: “What are the benefits of this watershed plan for you? Do you think your time has been well spent so far?” The responses included that it has been very helpful, some hesitations about the plan actually being implemented and seeing the benefits on the ground. Another response was that we may not even see the benefits for many years down the road, but action is needed from the beginning. No specific landowner concerns were brought to the table.
- b. Existing Project Recommendations review: Candice asked the group if they would be interested in having the municipalities present and explain the projects that they have on their list. The group consensus was that we should wait until the projects are looked at by the technical committee/contractor before they are presented to the stakeholder so that the projects that are higher priority are discussed.

VI. Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting will be held in February with both committees present. It will be from **2-4 pm** on **2.2.2012**
- b. The location is TBD. Some suggestions that were made at the meeting were the Elgin Casino boat, Dundee Recreational Center, and the Gail Borden Library. The exact location will be emailed to the group.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm