

NBER Flood Committee of the ERRA minutes for the meeting of Sept. 15, 2011.

Present: Rick Smigielski, Joy LeCount, Gene Lightner

1. Minutes of the Aug 18, 2011 meeting accepted.
2. Updates on: Reestablishment of historic wetlands. Gene Lightner reported that Scott Ziegler had been working on mapping to identify potential sites. The Friends of the St. Joe River has a grant to identify and map similar sites throughout the watershed according to Matt Meersman, their president. Joy LeCount said the Commissioners authorized the use of Noble County GIS info from the county for this project. This will give our committee another source of information. (Note: Since this meeting Matt Meersman said their group has now received the information.)

Stream gaging and rainfall measurement. Gene Lightner has spoken with Scott Morlock, USGS and there is help available if we want to pursue it. Our committee needs a good idea of what it is we need to measure and at what location/s.

Rick Smigielski has completed Hoosier Riverwatch training and is looking to establish testing sites at West Lakes. Gene said some past testing data is available for stream sites near the lakes. He would see about gathering that data.

Progress of North Branch cross section measurements. Rick reported that he and Scott Zeigler met with the Army Corps rep and a rep for the surveying company doing the cross sections. The project paperwork will be complete and in the books before the end of Sept. Actual measurement work is planned for Nov. which will give us better results with the foliage diminished. Scott has sent and received back all but a few permission requests for landowners along the river from Dukes Bridge to Co. Rd. 800N.

Info on ERRA watershed efforts based on its meeting of Sept. 12. Gene reported that the Great Lakes revised grant has been resubmitted for the new total of just under \$400,000. Final confirmation will be received about the first of Oct. (Since this Flood meeting the final confirmation has been received by ERRA from the Great Lakes group and we have received the grant.)

3. The date of our next meeting was set for Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM at the Ligonier Police training room.
4. Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM