

City of Griffin Watershed Advisory Council Meeting
Minutes for June 4, 2009 at 5:30 pm
City of Griffin Public Works Conference Room
100 South Hill Street

Those present were: Watershed Advisory Chairman and Public Works & Utilities Director Brant Keller and Secretary and Stormwater Deputy Director Chris Edelstein. Members: Consulting Group Representative Brian Upson, Environmental Representative Wade Hutcheson and Alexa Robinson,

Those absent were: Keep Griffin Spalding Beautiful Representative Kevin Barkley, Manufacturing Representative Robert Paige, Rental Housing Representative Jon Baird, Heads Creek Watershed Representative Harold Williams, Potato Creek Representative Tom Bair and Education Group Representative Ellen Bauske.

The Secretary called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Minutes from March 16, 2009 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. City of Griffin Annual Stream-Clean-Up Event:

The 2009 Stream-Clean-Up was a great success again this year with two different Clean-Up events, the normal annual Stormwater Stream-Clean-Up and another in conjunction with the Kiwanis One Day event. Between the two events we had roughly 100 volunteers representing: Girl Scout Troops 379 and 407; Boy Scout Troops 2, 7 and 77; Cub Scout Pack 114; Eagle's Way Church Youth Group; Rotary Club of Griffin; Spalding County 4-H; Spalding County and the City of Griffin Stormwater and Water and Wastewater Departments. With all of your help, we cleaned approximately two miles of creek banks within the Shoal, Cabin and Potato Creek watersheds. All together, we were able to remove almost 3,000 pounds of garbage, 1,000 pounds of tires and 460 pounds of recyclable metal. Next year's Stream-Clean-Up will be held on March 27, 2010 with a rain date of April 10, 2010

This year's winning T-Shirt design was drawn by Erin Kelly of Girl Scout Troop 407.

3. Watershed Program Assistant Update by Wade Hutcheson and Alexa Robinson:

The water conservation program was taught in April and all 851 students of the Griffin-Spalding County School System received a water conservation kit including: a low flow shower head, a kitchen faucet aerator, two bathroom faucet aerators, a toilet fill cycle diverter, toilet leak detection tablets, a flow meter bag and a water conservation wheel. The Watershed Program Assistant also planned the first annual Water Festival that took place at the Wyomia Tyus Olympic Park. The Water Festival was geared towards the 6th grade curriculum. The festival consisted of 10 different stations where students learned about: point and non-point source pollution; erosion and sedimentation and the importance of vegetation to minimize erosion; watershed education; water treatment; climate, temperature and rainfall across the globe; soil profile and soil properties; water quality and simple water quality tests and human impacts to our environment. During each interactive station, volunteer instructors incorporated math, science, literature and social sciences in a manner that also taught an environmental lesson. Two Water

Festivals were conducted in May with Cowan Road and Carver Road students attending.

4. Section 319(h) Delaware Sand Filter Grant:

The Quality Assurance Project Plan has been approved and samplers have been installed. Quarterly samples will be collected when rainfall totals exceed 0.2 inches of rain after 72 hours of dry weather.

5. City of Griffin Watershed Internship and Scholarship:

The City selected Mr. Ian Kelly and Mr. Mason Tucker for the internships for the next four years. Ian is a home school student who will be attending Gordon College in the fall while Mason will be attending Southern Polytechnic.

6. City of Griffin Cabin and Shoal Creeks Monitoring Plans:

The City of Griffin is working with Tetra Tech to complete a number of requirements for our Wastewater permits. The first things to be accomplished are the Monitoring Plans for Cabin and Shoal Creeks. These plans have been approved by EPD and include current sampling locations, sample parameters and sampling intervals for both water quality and biological and habitat monitoring. The next step is to complete Watershed Assessments for Cabin and Shoal Creeks and then Watershed Protection Plans for Cabin, Shoal and Potato Creeks. The City has already prepared the Watershed Assessment for Potato Creek in 2005 and is only required to complete the Protection Plan for that watershed.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place on October 8, 2009 at 5:30 at One Griffin Center in the Director of Public Works and Utilities conference room.

There being no further discussion or comment, the meeting was adjourned.
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Chris Edelstein, Secretary

ATTEST:



Dr. Brant Keller, Chairman