Wednesday, 5 September 2018, 2pm

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ALUFS SWATeam Meeting Minutes

Present: Reid Christianson, Joseph Edwards, Thurman Etchison, Brent Lewis, Colleen Williams

A. Follow up on past recommendation from spring 2018 on coordinating best management practices

1.Dean Kidwell has suggested to take the recommendation further and apply to land owned by U of I other than contiguous campus

2. Crop Sciences is hiring a research farm manager who would then be able to help implement

B. SSC Application for nitrogen monitoring station funding

1. Due September 24th

2. If possible, one at original location intended on Embarras and an additional one closer to the Dairy Farm would be useful, especially as much nutrient runoff originates there

3. Need someone to be labeled as in charge of the project on the application

4. Working group meeting on September 20th at noon for Land and Water to have applications checked

5. Members of Water/Stormwater SWATeam might have input

a. Action: ask for notes on student involvement and cost estimate

b. Introduce application to members for input early on the week of 9/10

6. Step 1 application should be a few pages long, Step 2 a few pages more in detail

7. Other grant opportunities may be obtainable for the purpose of nitrogen runoff reduction

C. Recommendation for iWG nitrogen monitoring

1. Make sure wording conveys that monitoring not only helps achieve iCAP, but allows to get a baseline to start working toward the goal (more fundamental than facilitative)

2. Departments to add as suggestions for involvement: perhaps Office of Research; currently we have departments owning land that would be relevant

Other action items:

Determine consistent meeting schedule

Update poster for Sustainability Celebration