

COTTONWOOD CREEK AND YOU

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The *annual meeting* held Wednesday, January 25th, 2006 at the Cottonwood Community Center was enjoyed by all who attended. The food was superb and the company even better. We had about 50 in attendance.

The annual meeting is held for purpose of electing directors. The following candidates were elected:

Julia Arnold, Roy Richards, Lon Currey, Jan Lopez, Julia Knight and Michael McGuire, added to Tom Harrington finishes out the board for 2006.

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WATERSHED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY is finished and copies (either CD **OR** hard copies) are available. You can pick one up at the office or phone in a request and one will be mailed to you. We ask that you complete a survey request which will assist the funding agencies in knowing that the stakeholders see a need for this work, and that it is very important to the health of the watershed.

Listed are some of the recommendations from the strategic areas workshop, which were adopted by CCWG. These recommendations will be utilized in the Watershed Management Plan which got underway in March.

1. Pursue vegetation management through prescribed burning program.
2. Education and outreach to the general public, regulatory agencies and the watershed landowners.
3. Increase public awareness of trespass.
4. Participate in land use planning efforts.
5. Continue watershed education in local schools.
6. Establish baseline fish and frog monitoring.
7. Develop clear and concise management goals for terrestrial wildlife habitat.
8. Develop clear and concise management goals for aquatic wildlife habitat.
9. Research the adaptive management approach.
10. Establish a baseline water quality monitoring program that provides information which contributes to the Agriculture Waiver Monitoring Program guidelines.
11. Map riparian areas.