The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

In attendance: August Hoppe, Steve Wilkinson, Marjie Tomter, Kurt Gruetzmacher, Andrew Struck, Andy Holschbach, Katie Weber, Paul Helms, Karin Manley

Approval of Minutes
The Secretary read the minutes from the previous meeting for approval. One change is in the last line, before adjournment, the next meeting date is April not August. Paul motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Marjie. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report
The treasurer’s report was presented by Karin. Jason Jendrack donated his time to file 2014 taxes. There are 5 members so far for 2015, with three more memberships received at the meeting. The 2015 newsletter has not gone out yet, which typically generates additional memberships. Andy motioned to approve the treasurer’s report. Seconded by Andrew. Motion carried.

Newsletter Update
Katie Gruetzmacher is working on the 2015 newsletter and it is expected to be sent out in two weeks. The partnership discussed if the newsletter should be sent to the larger mailing list. It was determined it would be worth the extra money, even if it exceeded the $500 budget.

For the tree giveaway, the membership discussed giving away packs of seedlings rather than a large tree. Chief River Nursery sells three types of ‘tree packs’.

Winter Creek Walk
The creek walk took place in March. A few of the board members were present along with family members and local boy scouts.

Officer and BOD Elections
The partnership discussed the current board of directors and advisors. Although not currently active, Tom Latzl should remain because he is a key landowner in the ‘swamp’. Neal Hobbs, neighbor south of Karin, is someone to consider in the future. Will Wawrzyn retired from the DNR and has not been active in the partnership. Andrew offered to discuss Dale Buiser’s further interests in the partnership. Andy motioned to carry over the existing members except Will Wawrzyn, who is to be removed from the advisory committee. Seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

Falls Road Flooding
Fall Road Flooding
Town of Grafton supervisors adopted a policy to control run off to a 10 year flood maximum. Discussion was held regarding UCP mission as it relates to the flooding of the creek at Falls Road. Several storm water issues are contributing to this problem. Moving forward, the committee should stay involved with storm water issues within the town as it relates to Ulao Creek and the health of the watershed. Steve will draft a letter to the town reiterating the motion passed by the town and state UCP’s response to the issue.

Treasures of Oz 2015
The Gateway property is a ‘treasures’ site for 2015. Several committee members and people involved with the creek restoration project will be onsite.

2015 Events
Ulao Creek Partnership will host a garlic mustard pull on May 9th at the Gateway site. Contractors will follow-up on trees planted (by the contractor). Paul suggested hosting a workday to maintain the trees planted during the fall workday in 2014. UCP will host another tree planting event in Fall 2015.

Ulao Creek Project Update
Phase 2 site is moving forward after the county received approval from Colders to do survey and design work. Construction approval is still pending. A special thank you to Jim Brunquell from the village of Grafton and Lester Bartel for contacting Colders on behalf of the project.

Engineering and design on Kaul Creek is underway. Ulao Creek Parkway fish project is now complete. Also, the county is performing wildlife monitoring throughout the project area. Monitoring is being completed for avian, fish and herptile species.

Next Meeting
A date for the next meeting was no selected. The partnership will meet in the summer on an 'as needed' basis.

Adjournment
A motion to adjourn at 7:05 was made by Marjie, seconded by Paul. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Katie Weber, Secretary