



Hickory Creek Watershed Planning Group

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May 08, 2014, 10:00 AM

**Location: Joliet City Hall,
150 W Jefferson St
Joliet, IL**

Attendees: Ron Sly – Village of New Lenox, Derek O’Sullivan – Will County, Tom Schwerha – City of Joliet, Dale Schepers – Village of Tinley Park, Ken Brozovich – Village of New Lenox, Lindsay Birt – Huff and Huff, Inc., Darrin Yount- Village of Frankfort, Scott Killinger-WCSMP, Allison Swisher-City of Joliet, Shane Clarke –Suburban Labs, Laura Marcasciaho-II American Water, Cindy Skrukud-Sierra Club, Tom Chinske-IL American Water, Brian Williams-Village of New Lenox, Randy Schram-Village of New Lenox, Rick Suttle-Ruettiger Tonelli & Associates, Anna Kirwan-City of Joliet, Katie Zaban-Joliet Park District, Jim Huff-Huff and Huff Inc., Michael Salamowicz-Village of Homer Glen,

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Approval of Minutes

-3/6/2014 meeting

Motioned by Tom S to approve minutes, Second by Derek O, motion passes.

4. Correspondence

5. Report of Officers, Sub-Committees

– **H&H March Invoice**

Motioned by Derek O to approve March invoice, Second by Dale S, motion passes

Motioned by Derek O to approve April Invoice, Second by Dale S, motion passes

– **Financials**

Derek O reviewed the Financials for the period of 1-1-14 through 3/31/14.

– **501C (3) status**

Ron S updated group on 501c3 status. Ron is asking for the Federal Representative’s office assistant to get to the bottom of the delay. Once IRS filing is complete Ron will reach out to accountant to complete tax return.

Cindy S indicated that we also should file with IL Secretary of State and Attorney General's office. HC Group was aware of this.

6. Old Business

- **WATERCON presentation on the updates of HCWPG (Tuesday March 18)**

Dale S updated group on the success of the WaterCon presentation.

- **Presentation at the VFW Executive Meeting (Wednesday April 9th)**

Ron S updated group on the VFW's meeting where Scott Kykendall presented this project to VFW. The VFW is interested in the project and would like to support it, but it is important for HCWPG to be sure that the VFW understands that long term maintenance is a concern.

- **Public meeting at Pilcher Park Nature Center (Tuesday, April 22nd)**

Tom S updated group on the Pilcher Park Dam removal public meeting with IDNR. The format of the meeting didn't allow for any questions or concerns to be addressed so residents grew frustrated.

Lindsay B. indicated that this is an opportunity for HCWPG to educate the public.

7. New Business

Update on Strategic Plan

- **Present an updated list of coordinator's tasks for implementing goals for the watershed group.**

Lindsay B updated group on completed and on-going tasks of the Strategic plan.

Monitoring Program

- **Water monitoring sub-committee recommendations**

Lindsay B updated group on the sub-Committee meeting. All areas needed for additional monitoring have now been account for and committed by the appropriate municipality/group.

Lindsay B reviewed the cost-breakdown of the sampling costs.

One question was whether the HCWPG should pay for all monitoring costs directly or have each Community pay for it. HCWPG determined that it needs full cost of all sampling needs to determine best course of action. If HCWPG pays for sampling, then the Dues and Budget for FY2015 will need to reflect this.

- **Volunteer monitoring training**

Lindsay B suggests that training on the QAPP to now be done.

- **Revised Data Gaps memo will be posted online with approved sampling regime**

- **Update on monitoring results from Jan.-April, 2014.**

Lindsay B updated group on current monitoring results.

Deicing Program Survey

- **Update on the deicing survey within Hickory Creek Watershed.**

Lindsay B reviewed the data collected thus far.

Jim Huff suggested that the State’s weather forecasting system might be available to Communities.

Lindsay B indicated that some Communities still need to complete their survey.

Lindsay indicated that we are looking do conduct a deicing workshop.

Scott Killinger mentioned that the NE Groundwater Committee and the Lower Dupage Watershed Group hold an annual Deicing workshop.

IL American Water Co. Stream Study

- **Thomas W. Chinske (Water Quality Supervisor) will present on the collaborative stream study project with IL American Water Company and the IEPA.**

Prioritize Projects

- **Communities present their top priority implementation project.**
- **Next steps:**
 - **Need concept designs completed for the priority projects for the grant application.**

Lindsay B reiterated that the Group needs to select a few projects for the 319 grant application, but that any projects not selected are still viable and able to look for funding on future applications.

Communities need to identify a project and develop a concept plan for the grant. Drat projects will be sent to EPA for comment prior to grant application submittal.

Derek O will bring both Hillcrest Rd project and the Spring Creek at Briggs St project to the SW Committee to see if they are interested in funding these projects.

The EPA 319 Grant is a 60/40 funding arrangement.

8. Next meeting agenda

- **Discussions on Annual meeting**
 - **Dues**
 - **Budget**
 - **Officer elections**

Derek O summarized the proposed budget, dues.

Dale S suggested that a separate Officers meeting be held to review and develop the proposed FY2015 budget and dues.

The HCWPG's upcoming Annual meeting in June will also need to hold officer's elections. Derek O indicated that he was not interested serving as the secretary/treasuring role, so some one else will need to be nominated.

Dale S indicated that we will likely be able to fill this role if we are able to have the watershed coordinator assume most of the secretary's role (i.e. minutes, notifications, web updates etc...)

Huff and Huff suggested that the contract be revised to reflect any additional services needed.

9. Announcements/Comments

- **Homer Glen Arbor Day (May 17th)**

IL American Water Co. Stream Study Abstract:

Monitoring the Health of Our Streams: Our Commitment to Environmental Excellence and Sustainability

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) sets the influent and effluent permit limitations and conditions for all IL- American's wastewater reclamation facilities in the Chicago Metro District. The standards are enforced by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The effluent limitations are based on a number of factors including the Water Quality Nutrient Standards of the receiving stream which are calculated on seasonal variations in stream pH and temperature. Because these standards are becoming more stringent with nutrients such as phosphorus and ammonia relating to the permit conditions, we have since 2010, initiated stream study programs which are administered by the Water Quality Department's Supervisor, Thomas Chinske and Water Quality Specialist, Laura Marcasciano from the Chicago Metro District in collaboration with the IEPA Water Quality Standards Unit in Springfield, IL. The purpose of these studies is to monitor the receiving streams, relative to specific plant permit conditions, at locations downstream from the plant's outfall in order to diagnose the health of the stream from both point and non-point sources in their respective watersheds. (See attachment for entire abstract).

Motion to adjourn by Ron S, second by Darrin Y
Meeting adjourn at 12:40pm