

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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WRCC/Guidance Team Work Session Summary May 2, 2012

Attendees:

Matt Candland
Gale Engles
Kate Heilman
Rosetta Mann

Jim Wieprecht
Sheree Lima
Glenn Edwards
Jeff Glass

Brenda Dinne
Dan Riley
Steve Miller
Michael Swam

Frank Schaeffer
Marge Wolf

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 by Matt Candland. Minutes from the April 7th meeting were approved.

NPDES & EPA Audit Update – Gale Engles

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Maryland Department of Environment performed an audit of Carroll County's Non Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and the Stormwater Management/Sediment Control program on April 26 & 27. Several weeks before the audit EPA sent a list of requested documents, some to be sent prior to their visit and the remainder given to them during the audit. There were divided into two teams; Team 1 addressed NPDES lead by Tom Devilbiss and Team 2 Stormwater/Sediment Control lead by Gale Engles. At the end of the two day audit a brief summary of their findings was given. They were impressed with the way Carroll County runs their programs and County staff. A few suggestions on things that are not in the permit but, might be helpful were given. The overall feedback was extremely favorable. EPA will send out a draft report in 3 months for our review.

WIP Update – Meeting at MDE – Brenda Dinne

Final Phase II WIP was submitted by MDE to EPA on March 30. A summary of what MDE submitted to EPA for Carroll County for the strategies and practices we would put in place 2017 – 2025 since we did not submit anything was given out. Tom Devilbiss, Brenda Dinne, Brian Seipp and Ed Singer met with MDE on May 1 to get some questions answered; with little success. Any changes we want to make can be to what was submitted can be sent to MDE before July 2. Making changes at this time would only look like we were in agreement with the submittal; this way we could say we didn't submit anything or contribute to the submittal. Our efforts will be focused on changes we need to make in 2015 since the model will not updated until 2017. The most beneficial out come of the meeting was the need track and document what we have so we could get credit when and if the opportunity arises.

Technical Assistance for Offsets Policy – Tracking & Reporting

We have an opportunity to apply for technical assistance grant from the Fish and Wildlife Association (FWA) that requires no matching funds and that FWA would administer. The grant is for technical assistance for offset policy tracking and reporting would be helpful with the Septic Bill, the Watershed Implementation Plan, the Septic Task Force and MDE policy for offsets. Brenda will report back at the next meeting on any progress with the application.

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Stormwater Financing Feasibility Options – Brenda Dinne

This is another grant through the FWA with no matching funds and can be up to \$150,000. There will be in-kind match to be determined by the County. After the announcements are made in August, if selected, we will work closely with Environmental Finance Center to develop a detailed scope of work to have a program in place by July 1 2013. The purpose of this grant is to find out our options and figure out how to structure our fees and program in order to comply with the Stormwater Bill, HP987. Brenda drafted a letter of support from the WRCC for Matt's signature. A motion was made and seconded to support the application and send the letter. Brenda will be presenting the application request to the Board of County Commissioners on May 10 for their approval.

Legislative Summaries – Brenda Dinne

Brenda distributed summary sheets for HP 987/SB 614 Stormwater/Impervious Bill, SB 236/HB445 Septic Bill, and HB446/SB240 Bay Restoration Fund.

HP 987/SB 614 Stormwater/Impervious Bill - This bill requires Phase I jurisdictions (County) to collect a stormwater fee but Phase II jurisdictions (municipalities) are not required but may elect collect a fee. This fee is to be used toward meeting reductions needed to comply with their NPDES Permit. The Phase II permit does not have a requirement for the municipalities to address runoff from impervious surfaces. Gale Engles contacted Brian Clevenger (MDE) to get a copy of the Draft Phase II Permit that is supposed to be issued before the end of the year. Brian told Gale that a draft was not available yet but the new permit would have a requirement to address 20% within 5 years. The municipalities can join in with the County to achieve their needed reductions or can individually address their 20%. Further discussion at the next meeting on what the municipalities want to join with the County.

SB 236/HB445 Septic Bill - Brenda explained the purpose of the bill was to get people on treated systems. The bill is broken down into 4 tiers. Tier I all lots on sewer, Tier II all lots on sewer unless minor on septic, Tier III & IV minors on septic. This bill is to be adopted by December 31, 2012 and any lots to be grandfathered should be submitted to the Health Department and get preliminary plan approval by October 1, 2012. The municipalities are required to adopt Tier I may do II or give an explanation of why we didn't do III. They have to be adopted administratively by the end of the year and put into the next update of your comprehensive plan. The County has to do I, III and IV and may do II or give an explanation of why we didn't do III. There was some doubt that something could be submitted by the end of the year. If nothing is submitted by December 31 minor subdivisions can be approved until a submission is made.

HB446/SB240 Bay Restoration Fund – The current fee being collected will double for properties on public sewer and individual septic systems. This bill includes commercial and industrial users unlike the septic bill. Since the County's system is already set the fee structure will need to be modified. The fee is collected and sent to the State who will distribute the funds. There are numerous stipulations on the way the money is be used, that may be a challenge.

Open Discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2012 at 2:30 in Room 003.