

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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WRCC Meeting Summary March 26, 2014

Attendees:

Gale Engles	Brenda Dinne	Steve Miller	Rose Mann
Jim Wieprecht	Frank Schaeffer	Tom Devilbiss	Janet O'Meara
Marge Wolf	Dawn Ashbacher	Perry Jones	Jeff Glass
Glenn Edwards	Ed Singer	Christy Collins	Sheree Lima
Monika Weierbach	Kevin Hann	Jeff Castonguay	Byron Madigan

The meeting was called to order by Frank Schaeffer at 2:30.

Minutes from the February 26th meeting were approved as written.

Environmental Fund

A draft memorandum "Proposal for Municipal Environmental Fund Use" from the WRCC to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) was sent to everyone before the meeting for their review and comments. The memo gave recommendations from the WRCC on how the Environmental Fund (\$200,000) could be used to help the municipalities mitigate water and sewer costs. Frank said he would like to get the letter finalized and sent out by the end of the week. It was agreed that Frank could sign for the WRCC once language was added to the appendix to indicate that all of the municipalities have projects similar to Manchester's list of projects.

Septic Regulation Briefing

Ed Singer gave an update on the new on-site septic system regulations. He said the last revision to these regulations was in 1984. New regulations went into effect on January 1, 2013, which required the Best Advanced Technology (BAT) systems to be installed on any new construction in the State of Maryland. Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has introduced additional septic regulations on application rates that were published in the Maryland Registry in December 2013 and should be final within the next several months. Comments on the proposed regulations were sent to MDE from the Carroll County Health Department and Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

The proposed regulations would impact commercial and industrial property on private septic. The septic systems will need to be twice as large as they are now to comply with the new application rates. On the up-side, Ed said, sand mound systems, normally used on lots not suitable for traditional septic systems, would be allowed to use "at-grade mound" systems that could be installed at about half the price of conventional sand mounds.

NPDES 12SW

The 12SW State/National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General permit for stormwater discharge from industrial facilities replaces the 02SW General Discharge Permit. Glenn Edwards gave out the

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“Important Notice Regarding the General Permit for Discharges from Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activities” notice from Paul Hlavinka, MDE Industrial and General Permits Division, dated November 1, 2013. He went over the major changes in the new permit and said an evaluation of all public works facilities will need to be done to determine the submittal option that’s best for each facility; Notice of Intent (NOI), No Exposure or NOT (Notice of Termination). Coverage for the permit depends upon the specific Industrial sector identified by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code and MDE Criteria. Glenn and Tom stressed the importance of performing required inspections and maintaining appropriate documentation. If an audit is done of your facility, you will be fined if the inspections and records are not up to date.

Glenn sent out e-mail notifications to every municipality offering assistance with reviewing applicability of the new permit requirements. He has met with or talked to 7 of the 8 municipalities. Most of the municipalities are sending their submittal documents to Glenn for his review before submitting.

Field Excursion

A tour of several stormwater management facilities, similar to last year’s tour, will be planned in place of the May 28th WRCC meeting. Gale anticipated the tour would start at 8:00 and end around 3:00. Handouts, showing the cost associated with each project, will be given out for the tour. Mayors, council members and town managers are all invited to attend. Gale asked for a head count as soon as possible so she could make the necessary transportation arrangements and order lunch (to be provided).

Stormwater Fee Cost Share

Frank indicated that Steve Powell met with municipal managers on March 21 to discuss stormwater cost share. Steve said the BCC were willing to consider an 80%/20% cost share in conjunction with a joint permit. The WRCC was asked to work on drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the mayors and BCC on the general concepts of moving forward with joint funding and permitting. They were also asked to follow that up with drafting an “operating agreement” outlining the implementation of the MOU.

Brenda Dinne gave out a “discussion draft” of a general MOU regarding pursuing joint participation in the permitting process and funding for discussion. She explained the general MOU is the document the BCC and Mayors would be signing stating their intent to work together on MS4 requirements. The operating agreement would be a more detailed agreement that addressed how the general MOU would be implemented. County staff and town managers would work on crafting the operating agreement after the general MOU is signed. Brenda will make suggested changes to the general MOU by Friday and send a discussion draft to the municipalities so to be used for discussion with their Mayors before signing. The goal is to have everyone on the same page and in agreement on these general concepts before a meeting with the Mayors and BCC so that they would be ready to sign an MOU at the meeting. She also gave out a discussion draft of a table, “Municipal Share of Stormwater Projects Costs,” which gave an estimated cost for stormwater projects in each municipality based on a potential 80/20% cost share with the County, to be used for illustration purposes in showing the impact for the municipalities of such a proposal. Tom asked that the discussion draft be returned before leaving the meeting to help prevent any miscommunication about the potential proposed 80/20% cost-share numbers.

Tom Devilbiss met with MDE earlier today, on another issue, and brought up the possibility of a joint permit between the municipalities and the County. MDE had no problem with the joint permit and didn’t feel the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would either. MDE indicated that, if the County and municipalities were co-permittees, the municipalities would still be responsible for treating 20% of their impervious surface even though the County’s Phase I permit would have a 30% treatment requirement for impervious area. Tom said MDE anticipates Carroll County’s Phase I permit will be issued before the end of this year. If Carroll County and municipalities decide to request a joint permit, MDE suggested submitting something during the

comment period to request the addition of co-permittees. The Phase II permits are also anticipated to be issued by the end of this calendar year.

Open Discussion

Glenn asked the municipalities to let him know if they are having any events where educational information/materials could be given out for credit toward outreach component of their permit. He can provide a packet of information or help man a booth.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2013 at 2:30 in Room 105.