

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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WRCC Meeting Summary July 23, 2014

Attendees:

Frank Schaeffer, Chair	Perry Jones	Tom Devilbiss	Gale Engles
Dawn Ashbacher	Monika Weierbach	Brenda Dinne	Sean Hartman
Christy Collins	Jim Wieprecht	Steve Miller	Byron Madigan
Rose Mann	Marge Wolf	Ed Singer	
Glenn Edwards	Jeff Glass	Ginny Siemer	

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

June minutes were approved with correction of date for the next meeting reflecting July 23 as the next meeting.

Frank introduced Jenny Siemer from Maryland Rural Water Association. She said she lived in Carroll County and was looking forward to working with the municipalities.

Updates:

NPDES 2014 Annual Report

Tom Devilbiss reported the 2014 NPDES Report was completed and sent to Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) on July 14. Tom said Appendix C; Historical Impervious Report was included in this year's report which increased the volume of the report. No response has been received, from MDE, on the 2013 annual report; he was told they were waiting for Carroll County to resolve the stormwater fee issue. A Watershed Protection and Restoration Fund was established in the operating budget. Detailed information on this was included in the financial section of the 2014 report. (Copies of the report were given out to all the municipalities).

Glenn Edwards talked about illicit discharge issues in the 2014 NPDES Report. He stated that there were 8 instances in the county and municipalities combined. Two of the incidents were reported to MDE; all cases were addressed and are closed. One hundred illicit discharge inspections were performed; with 1 (one) potential pollution issue (with additional testing being done). A detailed summary will be provided to each municipality. He also briefly discussed Table 3 on page 9 Carroll County NPDES Phase II Municipalities NPDES MD Industrial General Permit. Glenn stressed the importance of knowing what was in the new 12SW permit and implementing their stormwater pollution prevention plan. He suggested using a check list and spreadsheets to ensure everything was getting done (i.e. best management practices, employee training, inspections, and recording corrective actions). The most important thing is to keep good records; that's what MDE will focus on if you get audited.

NPDES Annual Training

Glenn asked everyone to hold November 7 as the tentative date for the annual training for management; public works supervisors and other key staff you feel need to attend. Anyone with topics you would like covered at the training can contact Glenn.

Tentative Determination MS4 Permit

Carroll County's Draft Tentative MS4 Phase I Permit has been published and is available. County staff submitted a request to extend the comment period to the end of September and for a public hearing at the end of August. Tom said county staff is preparing comments for the Phase I Permit to be submitted after the public hearing, so any public comments can be included. He asked if any municipalities would be interested in reviewing the comments and providing any comments they may have. If everyone, county and municipalities have a joint permit this permit will be their permit. Tom stated that the County has secured the assistance of a legal firm AquaLaw for this process to make sure everything is being done legally and for reviewing our comments to make sure nothing was missed. A meeting with AquaLaw has been scheduled for the first week in August to go over the draft comments. Discussion with the municipalities on the draft either individually or as a group can take place before the September 30th due date.

Status on Town Projects

Gale Engles provided information on two (2) municipal projects; Manchester Skate Park (Town of Manchester) and Langdon Property (City of Westminster). She also discussed tree planting projects planned for the fall of 2014 in the City of Taneytown and Westminster, Town of Hampstead and Manchester, and the Rescue Mission. The plantings totaling 27.02 acres at the cost of \$137,376.00 were 100% grant funded by Department of Natural Resources (DNR). She said the maintenance of these plantings will be the responsibility of the municipalities and the Rescue Mission.

The remaining funds from the DNR grant will be used for plantings in the Liberty and South Branch watersheds in the spring of 2015. Gale asked the municipalities to look for any stream buffer planting opportunities to utilize the remaining funds. Byron Madigan said the watershed assessments were used to select most of the tree planting sites in the South Branch, Liberty and Prettyboy watersheds.

2012 – 2013 WIP Milestone Update

The WRCC, as our local WIP team, approved the revisions at the June 25 monthly meeting. After submitting comments to MDE on the agency's draft evaluation of the Carroll County 2012-2013 Milestone Progress Report, MDE had requested that we revise the progress report to include the items in our comments. Brenda Dinne said the letter and revised Status Update on the 2012 – 2013 WIP Milestones were sent to MDE on June 26, 2014. She said all the comments that the WIP team made were reflected in MDE's evaluation. She briefly went over the minor changes made to the evaluation. The ratings did go up as a result of the revisions. The evaluations for all the counties that submitted are posted on MDE's website.

Work Session - Carroll County Operating Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

The WRCC went into work session at 3:00 for discuss on the MOA.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2014 at 2:30 in Room 105.