

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

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WRCC Meeting Summary December 16, 2015

Attendees:

Frank Schaeffer	Dick Swanson	Byron Madigan	Marge Wolf
Rose Mann	Jim Wieprecht	Janet O'Meara	Jeff Glass
Perry Jones	Monika Weierbach	Gale Engles	Kelly Baldwin
Brenda Dinne	Glenn Edwards	Tom Devilbiss	

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

October minutes will be sent out and approved at a later date.

Tom Devilbiss thanked everyone for their continued support during the past year and announced that Rose Mann would be retiring at the end of the year after 22 years of service; Kelly Martin will be moving into Rose's position starting January 7.

Draft Annual Report – Tom Devilbiss

The draft annual report has been sent out to the municipalities; comments or changes were requested to be sent to Rose by today. Tom requested the municipalities send email to Rose confirming they reviewed the report, even if they don't have any questions or changes.

Tom went over the revised Impervious Surface Assessment chart, which includes the total county and municipal impervious. He explained how the impervious numbers were determined and the criteria used for removing acreage. He also said 30% reduction for the entire county, including municipalities was used to determine impervious. The municipalities only have to reduce 20% and the county 30%. We still need to meet nutrient numbers and there is current litigation challenging the 20%. Staff has requested the budget remain the same for the next year so we see where the legal cases are and if MDE has accepted our impervious assessment submitted in the NPDES report. Everything will be reassessed next fall for the 2018 CIP Budget request.

Milestone Status – Brenda Dinne

Brenda said the 2014/2015 milestones for the WIP and 2015/2016 milestones are due to MDE by the end of January 2016. She will have a draft prepared for the January 27 meeting. She sent out a request for update on the ENR upgrade status by January 8. A request was sent to the county and municipalities for numbers of septic that were converted to public systems; about half have been received.

Business Workshop – Brenda Dinne

Business workshop to be held on January 5, 4:30 – 7:00 at Carroll Community College attendance is about the same; 10 – 12 people. Brenda asked the municipalities to make an effort to stop in some of the businesses and

encourage them to attend. News release, flyers have been sent all the small businesses in the municipalities, put it on the Chamber of Commerce calendar of events and their web site.

New Position – Letter Regarding Budget Commitment – Tom Devilbiss

Tom said a new position similar to the current NPDES Compliance Specialist position was previously discussed with the WRCC. The current position cost is shared between the county and municipalities through the Town County Agreement. Tom gave out a breakdown of salary cost, based on population, of the current position and the new position for the municipalities; the county covers the cost of fringe benefits. We are going to request this position in 2017 Operating Budget and he would like a letter of support from each municipality by the first week in January.

Town Project Status – Gale Engles

Gale gave an update on the municipal restoration projects; attached if the project status. Gale explained the process for determining where the tree plantings will occur, it was an extremely huge effort for staff. There has been 115 acres of trees planted over the past 3years. A grant from DNR for \$1.4 million covered the cost for planting and the maintenance will be paid by the county/towns.

Other:

Brenda had copies of the Environmental Awareness Awards forms available for anyone wanting to nominate someone for the award.

Jeff Glass wanted to know who was responsible for the City of Westminster's 12SW permit during the expansion of their WWTP; the contractor or the City. Staff will get back to Jeff with the answer.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50