

Hinkson Creek  
Collaborative Adaptive Management  
Stakeholder Committee  
December 11, 2017

Attending: EPA Facilitator Monica Espinosa, Commissioner Fred Parry, Paul Mehrle, Ben Londeree, Jeanine Pagan, Tim Rielly, Councilman Karl Skala, Mark Farnan, Jay Turner, Frank Gordon, Tom Trabue, Diane Oerly

Absent: Jonathan Sessions, Nathan Odle, Todd Houts

Guests: Erin Keys, Nicki Fuemmeler, Theresa Thomas, Bill Florea, David Carani, Cody Luebbering, Jennifer Sullivan, Tom Wellman

**1. Welcome to Process participants and Introductions**

Introduction of Stakeholders and guests

**2. Approval of previous meeting minutes**

A Fred Parry/Diane Oerly motion to approve the February and May minutes passed unanimously.

**3. Missouri Department of Natural Resources Updates**

Tim Rielly will be replacing Jennifer Hoggatt as the DNR representative on the Stakeholder Committee. Paul Mehrle asked for an update on the results from the spring 2017 sampling.

**4. Action and Science Team Updates**

The Action Team has been working on a list of potential projects for the Stakeholders to approve. The next Action Team meeting is December 15.

Tim Rielly gave a Science Team update. The Science Team is looking for direction on the Science Priorities list and where to go from here. The list will be discussed further at the December 18 Science Team meeting. Diane Oerly wants to know how much impervious cover has been added in the watershed, and how that may be affecting the creek. Robert Voss is taking Tim Rielly's spot on the Science Team. The Science Team will be working on developing proposals from their list so the three partners can issue RFPs if the Stakeholder's approve the projects.

**5. Riparian Subcommittee Updates**

Bill Florea distributed an Executive Summary for the USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). The handout can also be found on the CAM website at [www.helpthehinkson.org/Stakeholders](http://www.helpthehinkson.org/Stakeholders). Bill gave an overview of the RCPP program, which

provides funding for existing local NRCS cost-sharing programs. Requests for proposals for RCPP funding will be announced in January. Preproposals are due in April, with full proposals following in September. Funding announcements will be made in December 2018. Funding would start in 2019. The Riparian Subcommittee would like to use the program to address water and soil quality in the watershed. The subcommittee will prioritize goals and criteria for funding local applicants. The subcommittee is looking to fund the program for five years. Potential practices include stream protection, soil improvements, stream buffer restoration, conservation easements, field borders, cover crops, stream stabilization, grade control, and outreach and education.

A Fred Parry/Diane Oerly motion to approve applying for RCPP funding passed unanimously.

Tim Rielly and Ben Londeree volunteered to join the Riparian Subcommittee.

#### **6. Presentation of Action Items**

A list of potential projects was distributed to Stakeholder's. The list can also be found on the website at [www.helpthehinkson.org/Stakeholders](http://www.helpthehinkson.org/Stakeholders). The list is comprised of 23 projects, with the first seven given priority by the Action Team. A discussion of the potential projects followed, including stream stabilization, an additional macroinvertebrate study, grade control installation, riparian restoration, Science Team staff assistant, Science Team list of potential projects, and the RCPP project discussed previously. There was a discussion about which items should be prioritized. The consensus was to focus on the first four on the list. Tim also called attention to number 11 (Roadside Vegetation Management for Salt) and suggested a pilot project.

A Fred Parry/Mark Farnan motion to approve asking the Action Team to provide a refined plan, timeline, and fiscal impacts for items 1-4 passed unanimously (stream stabilization, additional macroinvertebrate study, grade controls, and riparian restoration projects).

#### **7. Collaborative Adaptive Management Committee Discussion of Next Steps**

Diane Oerly requested a presentation on the River des Peres salt study at our next meeting.

Tim Reilly provided a preliminary update about macroinvertebrate scores. Spring 2016: 8 of 11 sites, or 73%, were fully supporting, so almost there. Fall 2016: 6 of 11 sites, or 55%, were fully supporting, so still not fully attaining.

#### **8. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Fuemmeler

Edited by Ben Londeree