

HINKSON CREEK COLLABORATIVE ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT
ACTION TEAM Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2015
9:00 am
MU General Services Building 185

Action Team Members Present: Erin Keys (proxy), Tom Wellman (proxy), Jon White, Bill Florea, Caleb Knerr, Tom Ratermann, Jennifer Sullivan

Staff Present: Brett O'Brien, Ted Haeussler, John Persing, Lynne Hooper

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Erin Keys.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – Minutes from the meetings on 9/18/2015 and 10/16/2015, as well as the minutes from the EPA Tour on 9/23/2015, were approved.

4. AGENDA ITEMS

- Stakeholder meeting recap

Ken Midkiff presented information on the Stream Team volunteer data collected regarding water quality. The Action Team presented two possible actions to the Stakeholders and received minimal comments.

- Science Team meeting recap

It was determined that the Stream Team's and DNR's scoring systems for macroinvertebrate evaluation are not equivalent. There is a desire within the Science Team to collect old photos and stories of Hinkson Creek from the community to compare present day conditions with past conditions, regarding creek location, fauna, etc. This may be an item for agencies' education and outreach programs to promote. The Science Team is still interested in using rock boxes for macroinvertebrate evaluations. There is interest in implementing photo monitoring along Hinkson Creek to evaluate stabilization efforts and other changes within Hinkson Creek. The Science Team would like to study bacteria at the Ann and Walnut Street location. Robb Jacobson says he has some data about water levels at Perche Creek and the Missouri River. Erin will send streambank restoration and habitat improvement study to Lynne.

- Review of CAM agreement and process

During the recent Stakeholder meeting, the Stakeholders seemed unclear on what their roles and responsibilities are in the CAM process. The Action Team reviewed the agreement and process outlined and determined that the Stakeholder group may need a refresher on their roles and responsibilities. Bill will contact Shawn Grinsdtaff and discuss this. The Action Team will refine recent proposals and put them in the format outlined in the agreement and provide more detailed information. The Action Team will then re-present the proposals to the Stakeholders.

- Project updates

Flow and Sediment study is ongoing.

Forum Level Spreader is working, Tom and Lynne witnessed water flowing over it. Sensors have been placed in the ground and readings will begin 12/24. Dr. Inniss does not have level loggers yet. A climate station will be installed the week of 1/4/2016.

There was discussion of taking the Grindstone Stabilization Project, the Street Tree Planters Project, and the Native Plantings Project to the Stakeholders for approval as CAM projects.

MU said that they would provide the locations of their campus tree planters.

- Regulatory Update

The updated MS4 permit that was sent out by DNR has been retracted.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS

- City and MDC to fund an “Urban Conservationist” position.

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – January 15, 2016

- Proposal for riparian area acquisition
- City mitigation bank

7. ADJOURN Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.