

Hinkson Creek
Collaborative Adaptive Management
Stakeholder Committee
September 24, 2019 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Boone County Government Center, Room 301, 801 E Walnut, Columbia

Attending: EPA Facilitator Monica Espinosa, Commissioner Fred Parry, Ben Londeree, Jeanine Pagan, Tim Rielly, Tom Trabue, Todd Houts, Dee Dokken, Paul Mehrle, Diane Oerly

Absent: Della Streaty Wilhoit, Nathan Odle, Jay Turner, Frank Gordon, Councilman Karl Skala, Mark Farnen

Guests: Nicki Fuemmeler, Lynne Hooper, Bill Florea, Kori Thompson

1. Welcome to Process participants and Introductions

Introduction of Stakeholders and guests

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

A brief discussion of the previous two meetings were held. Diane asked to table a discussion on the CAFO letter until the next meeting. A Trabue/Rielly motion to approve the June 19, 2019 was made and passed unanimously. A Trabue/Londeree motion to approve, with changes to the August 7, 2019 minutes, was made and passed unanimously.

3. Missouri Department of Natural Resources Updates

No new updates

4. Science Team Updates

The next Science Team meeting is November 1st, at Allstate Consultants, from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

A new priority list is in progress. Tim Rielly discussed the list and showed how much we've done.

Diane would like to request data from Dr. Jason Hubbart related to Hinkson Creek. Tim stated he would add this request to the Science Team agenda next month.

Some members of the group feel like we are languishing. The Science Team wants to meet with the Action Team and Stakeholders to discuss the priority list, so everyone knows where CAM stands and recommendations for moving forward.

Fred Parry asked if we needed to create a subcommittee to review some of these priorities and pick the "low-hanging fruit." Lynne Hooper stated that she felt like we have already done that. The Science Team is moving forward on five priorities: the macroinvertebrate study is underway, the sediment study was done last summer and Dr. Jacobson, with USGS, is working on an analysis of the collected data, the County GIS staff will be doing a LiDAR analysis in the spring, after the flyover is

complete in November 2019, and we are moving toward resuming base-line water quality analysis with Dr. Argerich's proposal, which is ready for the Stakeholders to vote on today. The Science Team will be discussing and voting on a comprehensive sampling analysis to be done by USGS at their next meeting.

Fred asked Lynne what was needed for the five things listed above to move forward. Lynne said the macroinvertebrate study contract has been awarded. The study committee met with the contractor on September 23, and they are starting to run the metrics. Monthly meetings have been scheduled for updates. She is not sure where Dr. Jacobs is on his sediment study analysis. She will follow up with him at the next Science Team meeting. The Stakeholders are going to vote on Dr. Argerich's proposal at this meeting. Lynne has been in contact with the County's IT and GIS departments regarding the flyover and LiDAR analysis, and they have committed to providing that information. Lynne is unsure if the Science Team will make a recommendation to proceed with the comprehensive chemical sampling at their next meeting.

Dr. Argerich's proposal to continue synoptic sampling next year was presented to the Stakeholders. The Science Team recommended funding for the next two years. A Londeree/Trabue motion was made to recommend approval to the three funding agencies to continue this project for another year. Kori clarified that the Action Team had discussed possibly funding the project for two years, instead of one, if Dr. Argerich was in favor, to collect and analyze more data. The Action Team has not had a chance to confirm if Dr. Argerich is agreeable. Motion passed. Fred Parry and Todd Houts abstained.

5. Action Team Updates

Updates on the macroinvertebrate study were given during the Science Team update.

Lynne is working on the opinion articles.

The Hinkson creek Land Management Workshop has been postponed until spring. We did not have enough attendee's sign-up, possibly due to Roots-N-Blues and the South Farm Showcase.

There is a Greater Bonne Femme Land Management Workshop that will be held December 14. This activity does not directly impact the CAM group.

6. Riparian Subcommittee Updates

In December 2017, the Riparian Subcommittee asked for funding for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to install conservation best management practices on primarily agricultural and non-industrial privately-owned forest land. This allows the USDA to leverage money to spend with local landowners who would like to install these practices on their property. In 2017 the Stakeholder committee voted in favor of applying for this grant. However, the money was not available at that time, and then we had to wait for the new farm bill to be adopted. Then there was a new rulemaking period and the federal government had to write the funding announcement. That is done now and was published earlier this month. Applications are due December 3, 2019. The

County would be the lead agency for this grant. Todd Houts asked if we got the money, would the improvements include the Hinkson Creek Watershed. Bill clarified that the RCPP grant would only be implemented in the Hinkson Creek Watershed. An Oerly/Parry motion was made to pursue RCPP funding. Motion passed unanimously. Bill Florea will keep the committee up to date.

7. New Business

Todd wrote the director of OSPA and asked if they could set up a meeting to educate him on the granting process and how data-sharing works.

The special votes meeting update was discussed at the beginning of the meeting, before the minutes were approved.

Diane mentioned that there was a lawsuit to hold up Senate Bill 391 from implementation. The judge decided against implementation, so it isn't a law at this time. It is being challenged.

The opinion articles will be a three-part opinion/editorial piece, starting with the history of the watershed and end with our current efforts. More than likely, we will use our connections with MU to publish in the Missourian and get special permissions to make the articles longer. Fred asked if the Conservationist or Rural Cooperative magazines might be interested in these articles. Tim wasn't sure if the Conservationist would run the articles since they're related to a TMDL but said DNR could run the articles in their online publication, Resources. Tom Trabue mentioned the Missouri Municipal League and the American Public Works Association publications might also be good outlets. APWA may provide some national notoriety. Paul Mehrle mentioned Inside Columbia magazine.

8. Old Business

Ben shared the contents of the Annual Report. He was reluctant to vote on it at this meeting, since he has not received much feedback. A Parry/Rielly motion was made to table the vote and redistribute the report, with comments due by October 15. Motion passed unanimously. Tom praised Ben for writing the report and incorporating all comments.

9. Collaborative Adaptive Management Committee Discussion of Next Steps

End of the year joint meeting to revisit where we are, priority list, level spreader report presentation, 2017-2018 Annual Report, 2019 Annual Report, CAFO letter discussion.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Fuemmeler

Edited by Ben Londeree