

Hinkson Creek
Collaborative Adaptive Management
Stakeholder Committee
June 16, 2021 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Boone County Government Center, Room 301, 801 E Walnut, Columbia

Online/Phone: EPA Facilitator Monica Espinosa, Jeanine Pagan, Diane Oerly, Tim Rielly, Todd Houts, Commissioner Justin Aldred, Tom Trabue, Della Streaty-Wilhoit

Absent: Nathan Odle, Paul Mehrle, Jay Turner, Dee Dokken, Councilman Karl Skala, Frank Gordon

Online/Phone Guests: Nicki Rinehart, Lynne Hooper, Michele Woolbright, Tom Wellman, Jon White, EPA 319 Coordinator Chrisi Means

1. Welcome to Process, Participants and Introductions

Introduction of Stakeholders and guests

Monica announced that she will be stepping down as the EPA facilitator. Chrislyn “Chrisi” Means will be taking Monica’s place as facilitator.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

A Trabue/Houts motion to approve the February 3, 2021 meeting minutes was made and passed unanimously.

3. Missouri Department of Natural Resources Updates

Tim Rielly reported that MDNR’s interim director will be Dru Buntin.

4. Science Team Updates

Synoptic Sampling - Tim Rielly stated Dr. Argerich plans to sample this summer.

LiDAR Analysis – Lynne Hooper stated she has information from the Boone County IT Department she needs to share at the next Science Team meeting to see how they would like to proceed with the project.

Dr. Zeiger’s Gauging Stations - Tim Rielly shared that Dr. Shawn Zeiger, Lincoln University, will be reinstalling gauging stations along Hinkson Creek. He is installing level loggers to measure stage. He will be adding other sensors as he is able.

Science Team All-Team Meeting Presentations – Tim Rielly asked for feedback on the presentations and if there was any interest in a study on chlorides in parking lots with BMPs to determine possible chloride reductions. Tim asked if there was any additional interest in the approach of application of chlorides as deicers with respect to working with private applicators. Tim asked if there was any interest in funding continuous conductivity data in Hinkson Creek by Dr. Zeiger.

Lynne Hooper mentioned that the Action Team is interested in putting together a chloride task force to establish an education and outreach program. Tom Trabue thought it would be a great opportunity to include the business community.

5. Action Team Updates

All-Team Meeting Discussion – Nicki Rinehart asked for feedback from the virtual All-Team meeting. Janine Pagan thought the topics were detailed and showcased all the work able to be done despite COVID and were very informative. Tom Trabue asked if we should post the recordings for the public to view. Michele Woolbright stated the recordings were posted on the Help the Hinkson website and the City of Columbia’s sustainability YouTube channel. The recordings have also been circulated on the County’s stormwater Facebook page and City of Columbia Stormwater Utilities and Office of Sustainability webpages. Tom asked if there would be value to having someone edit the recordings into bite-size segments that can be categorized. Monica Espinosa asked if we knew how many people viewed the recordings. Michele wasn’t sure but will provide an update at the next Stakeholder meeting. Tom made a motion for staff to evaluate editing the recordings and report back on how that can be accomplished at the next Stakeholder meeting. Janine Pagan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Stakeholder Replacements Update – Nicki Rinehart stated staff had reached out to several individuals to gauge their interest in serving on the Stakeholder committee. The joint partners will need to approve the interested parties. Staff will confirm potential appointees are still interested and the joint partners will meet to approve the potential appointees. Discussion was had on how to appoint the interested parties. Commissioner Aldred stated it would be appropriate to send a letter to County Commission and City Council making them aware of the appointments. Tom Trabue made a motion to go ahead and approve the two potential appointees while staff continues to work to identify a third appointee to act on later. Todd Houts seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Riparian Subcommittee Updates

The subcommittee is meeting regularly again. Lynne Hooper stated the subcommittee is starting to have discussions about RCPP. The RFP due date has not been released yet.

The last meeting was held at the City’s El Chaparral demonstration site. Tom Wellman discussed what it took to restore the site and lessons learned. Tom offered to take anyone out that wanted to see the site. Lynne stated it would be a good site to add to another Stakeholder tour.

7. New Business

Forum Nature Area Signage – Tom Wellman stated Laura Wiseman noted that it would be good to have signage at the Forum Nature Area, and she had drafted a few signs. The Action Team has this on their agenda for however long it takes to get a sign design worked up.

8. Old Business

Hinkson Creek 319 Grant Proposal – Lynne Hooper stated this is still a work in progress. Lynne is hoping to have a more complete report, if not a full application by the next Stakeholder meeting.

2020 Annual Report – Tim Rielly suggested on the wording of the improvement of Hinkson Creek water quality. Tim asked everyone to look at that and provide comments. Monica Espinosa asked who was responsible for getting the report done. Nicki Rinehart stated Tim Rielly had volunteered to review the science part and Karl Skala had volunteered to provide the City’s perspective.

9. Collaborative Adaptive Management Committee Discussion of Next Steps

LiDAR Analysis update, Tim Rielly will email chloride questions to committee, Nicki Rinehart will make the 2020 Annual Report edits for the next meeting, Michele Woolbright will check on editing the All-Team recordings, an update of the Stakeholder appointees will be given. Nicki asked for volunteers to help write the report. Todd Houts stated he had some comments to send Nicki. The Stakeholders would like to have a final report at the next meeting.

10. Collaborative Adaptive Management Committee Discussion of Next Steps

Lynne Hooper will provide a LiDAR Analysis update, Tim Rielly will email chloride questions to Stakeholders, Michele Woolbright will provide an update on the All-Team recording edits, Nicki Rinehart will make the 2020 Annual Report edits, and staff will provide an update on Stakeholder replacements.

11. Adjournment

A Houts/Oerly motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicki Rinehart