

Hinkson Creek
Collaborative Adaptive Management
Stakeholder Committee
December 20, 2023 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Virtual and In-person – Microsoft Teams
801 E. Walnut, Room 301, Columbia, MO 65201

Online/Phone: EPA Facilitator Jena Adkisson, Commissioner Justin Aldred, Tim Rielly, Todd Houts

Online/Phone Guests: Jessica Norris, Jon White

In-Person: Jeanine Pagan, Dee Dokken, Scott Hamilton, Leanne Tippet Mosby, Diane Oerly,
Councilwoman Betsy Peters

In-Person Guests: Nicki Rinehart, Lynne Hooper, Michele Woolbright, Lee White

Absent: Jay Turner, Frank Gordon, Susan Hart, Rob Wolverton, Tom Trabue

1. Welcome to Process, Participants and Introductions

Jena Adkisson introduced herself. Stakeholders and guests introduced themselves.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes

A motion was made and seconded (Tippet Mosby/Hamilton) for the September 2023 minutes to be approved. Motion passed.

3. MDNR/MS4/Stakeholder/Watershed Updates

Tim Rielly stated he had nothing to report for the Department of Natural Resources.

Michele Woolbright said the County had installed watershed signs throughout the Hinkson Creek Watershed.

4. Science Team Updates

USGS Chemical Analysis – Lynne Hooper stated that we wouldn't have the rest of the data and the report until Spring 2024.

Chloride Study – Lynne stated the contract was finalized and sensors had been deployed.

5. Action Team Updates

Website Redesign – Michele Woolbright shared that the County's IT department has been working on the Help the Hinkson website. Diane Oerly would like to have a place on the website that describes the projects and mapping that has been done.

Logo Contest – Michele said we need to create a CAM logo and shared that the City was going to host the contest. However, the City is having trouble getting this approved. Michele said we may have to get a professional to design instead of having a contest.

All-Team Meeting – Nicki Rinehart said the Science Team was interested in having another All-Team meeting. We haven't had one since COVID. Nicki was hoping to have the meeting in mid to late

spring 2024, once we have reports from the USGS study and synoptic sampling. Stakeholders were in favor of having another All-Team meeting in Spring 2024.

6. Riparian Subcommittee Updates

Michele Woolbright stated she had updated the current Hinkson Creek CAM process brochure and wants to recreate the City of Wentzville's Stream Care Guide, which they've offered to share with other municipalities. This would focus heavily on riparian areas and restoration.

Lynne Hooper shared that the Riparian subcommittee is planning a riparian workshop in May 2024, in conjunction with City of Columbia Office of Sustainability and US Fish and wildlife. The idea is that as the subcommittee does these workshops, they will be held on property owners' land that abuts the streams in the Hinkson Creek Watershed to try to get a community riparian corridor restoration project going. Diane Oerly asked if the subcommittee had thought about working with Forest Relief to provide trees to attendees. Scott Hamilton asked how long the COMO Wild Yards Program had been active. Michele and Lynne thought since 2017, at least.

7. New Business

Amanda Reed has taken another position within the EPA and will no longer be the Stakeholder facilitator. Jena Adkisson is facilitating this meeting but is unsure if she will be the future facilitator or not.

8. Old Business

Chloride Task Force Homework – Nicki Rinehart reminded the Stakeholders that they had been asked to read the Chloride Task Force Report and prioritize the recommendations in the report. Michele Woolbright wants the Stakeholders to have input in ranking the recommendations. Diane Oerly asked if the Strategic Plan mentioned in the report was an existing document. Michele stated that one of the goals of the task force was to have different municipalities and organizations work together to compile their knowledge to come up with a strategic document to assess and address different treatment options based on conditions. Michele passed out a ranking grid and discussed what she wanted the Stakeholders to do.

9. Collaborative Adaptive Management Committee Discussion of Next Steps

Stakeholders are going to get the ranking document to Michele Woolbright by December 22, 2023.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicki Rinehart