

HINKSON CREEK COLLABORATIVE ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT
ACTION TEAM
Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2012
9:00 pm
General Services Building, Univ. MO Campus, Room 194B

Action Team Members Present: Larry Hubbard, Tom Wellman, David Nichols, Steve Hunt, Georganne Bowman, Tom Ratermann, Brett O'Brien, Erin Keys, Todd Houts & Melissa Scheperle

Recorder of Minutes: Todd Houts

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Steve Hunt

Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved by acclimation.

Agenda Items:

- Discussion of August 29, 2012 Stakeholder Meeting

Steve “tried” to give a presentation about Early Action items, but the committee was so engaged and asking so many detailed questions that it was hard to get past the first slide (Forum Nature Area). Even to the point of almost wanting to design the projects. Georganne pointed out Stakeholders have had three meetings without the ability to talk—they’ve just had to listen to and try to digest information.

The Committee seems to think that the time span between trying something and having results is extremely short. They will need to be set straight on that.

They also seem to think there is going to be a straight line connection between actions and a “clean” Hink. GB said we should point out the Forum improvements discussed are only 100 acres out of a 90 square mile watershed.

(SIDE DISCUSSION about MO H2O Seminar: Noted that EPA continues to make public comments that imply the co-permittees aren’t doing anything.

- Watershed Timeline

Everyone except Brett O’Brien is behind on providing Georganne data.

- Virtual Tour (presented at the August 29 stakeholder meeting)

Seemed the stakeholders were engaged. Several folks corrected Hank Ottinger when he said the water quality is worse now than it was 40 years ago. Collating data (and letting the science team have at it) is a good idea and builds on ideas already put forth by Georganne. Flat Branch: We think we might be able to show it has been steadily improving over time. Reminded at one point it was an open

sewer. Literally. Hunt: noted that the Hinkson has degraded at the I-70/63 interchange. In the stakeholder meeting Joe Englen seemed to minimizing the assessment. Joe seems to be on a different page than Robb Jacobson, Jason Hubbard, and Paul Blanchard. Joe thinks we're doing minimal assesement while Robb, Jason and Paul think we are doing a much more in-depth study.

Announcements / comments from Action Team:

Tom Rattermann asked if we could modify the Hinkson Creek Management Plan to include sewer district plans which could increase the "priority points" available through granting processes. Question: who has to approve modifications? Original stakeholder group or current stakeholder group? Georganne will investigate.

Discussion on mitigation banks and "credits"

Todd brought up the panel discussion on "flow based" TMDLs held August 28 at the REGFORM MO Water Seminar. Because of time overruns, Todd didn't get to really show what we have done. This didn't stop EPA (who had said in advance their ability to discuss was impaired so they wouldn't talk much) from continuing to be negative toward the process and County/City/Univ in particular. Georganne suggested that information management is something we need to consider as people don't know what we are doing. We should consider asking Shawn (the Stakeholder Committee mediator) to say something to upper EPA management.

Comments of Visitors:

No visitors were present.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

Information Management

Upcoming Meetings

Possible dates for next two meetings Sept 21/28 and Oct 19/26. Todd will work with GSB staff to schedule.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am