

Hinkson Creek TMDL Science Team
Notes of the April 25, 2012 Meeting

Team Members Present: Bob Angelo, Paul Blanchard, Joe Engeln, John Holmes, Jason Hubbard, Robb Jacobson, Dave Michaelson, Dan Obrecht, Barry Poulton

Team members and visitors introduced themselves. Joe Engeln then gave a short summary of the Missouri Open Meetings and Records Act requirements and those from the legal agreement that forms the basis for this effort. He pointed out that the full legal agreement with all the attachments is available on the Help the Hinkson website.

The team discussed rules and roles.

1. Joe noted that the department has the responsibility under the agreement to serve as the custodian of record for the Science Team and volunteered to take that role. This was agreed to by the team.
2. No one volunteered to take on the role of convener, so Joe agreed to do that for the time being.
3. The team then discussed its decision-making process. The team will use a tiered consensus model for decision-making. Each team member can vote yes; vote no, but accept the will of the majority of the votes; or veto a decision. This process was approved by unanimous vote.
4. The Team voted unanimously to ask the Action Team to work with them to put together joint action and monitoring for the Stakeholder Committee to consider. This request was passed on to Steve Hunt, Georganne Bowman, and Tom Rattermann of the Action Team, who were in attendance.
5. The Team decided that Joe would not speak for the Science Team at Stakeholder Committee meetings without prior approval. This was approved unanimously.
6. The team decided that each member should declare any conflicts of interest.
7. Finally, Bob requested that telephone participation be arranged for future meetings. This will be provided once the team gets past its first meetings with presentations.

Dave Michaelson then presented a summary of the department's scientific data from Hinkson Creek together with the method for determining whether a stream is meeting the biological water quality criteria.

Next meeting topics and next steps:

Jason Hubbard will present the methods and results for his work on Hinkson Creek.

The team requested that the Action Team present some of the actions that have and are being taken in the watershed that address water quality.

The team also discussed the need to develop a conceptual model for guiding their deliberations and the design of monitoring. Robb Jacobson agreed to present some background on this topic to help move this forward.

The team agreed to meet in roughly 3 weeks, depending on team member availability.