

Hinkson Creek
Collaborative Adaptive Management
Stakeholder Committee Meeting

August 13, 2014

Members Attending: Diane Oerly, Frank Gordon, Todd Houts, Jeanine Pagan, Joe Engein, Jonathan Sessions, Commissioner Karen Miller, Paul Land, Jay Turner, Hank Ottinger, Gary Ward, Councilwoman Barbara Hoppe.

Members Absent: Paul Mehrle, Don Stamper, Ben Londeree, Nathan Odle

Staff: Theresa Thomas , Nicki Fuemmeler, Bill Florea, Erin Keys, Todd Houts

The meeting was called to order: introduction and welcome was made by Shawn.

1. A quorum was determined to be present.
2. The Minutes from the pervious meeting were approved on a Miller/Sessions motion.

Shawn opened the meeting, reminding all present that we were entering the third year of the CAM process, one that will be ongoing. He proposed that following the September meeting, the committee should meet at 60-day intervals, meeting just before Thanksgiving and returning in January. If a meeting becomes necessary, it can always be scheduled between those times. Shawn states the committee needs to think about how to circulate new ideas for the Science and Action Teams to evaluate. The Stakeholder Committee may reach out to the community for input. The Science Team knows what it needs to do; the Action Team has its job to do, but the Stakeholders are still the focal point of this process.

Commissioner Miller said that when the City adopts its Budget, we should learn what is included for storm water, and what projects in the Budget that may not exactly be part of the CAM process but may enhance the watershed. Likewise, we should pay attention to the County budget for similar actions. The University should also report on the updated master plan and its impact on storm water.

Shawn asked members to contact community and/or neighborhood groups before the September meeting to determine any ongoing projects that benefit the Hinkson watershed. He reminded members that the process can and should involve more than just the three parties to the agreement.

2. **Action Team Report**

The Action team members have been working on housekeeping items. They have put the MDNR Monitoring Report on line. The County is in the process of improving the website, making it more user friendly. Any input the committee has on possible changes would be welcome.

The Action Team also reported it has started compiling the cost tracking, to monitor money being spent in the Hinkson on BMPs and water quality projects. All of the members of the Action Team are compiling their expenditures, and these will be reported soon.

A monitoring plan for level spreader project is moving forward. At Sunrise Estates, monitoring is installed and data are being collected. Rain gardens were installed last year and we will start to collect data from those. We lost our technologist, so Theresa Thomas is now taking over the data collection part of it and we have to use a different method with an outside consultant. The county is monitoring some of BMPs that were installed as part of the 319 grant. There are two BMPs being monitored at the Grissum Building, the Step Pools conveyance system and the Bio-Retention pond. Rainfall has been good this year, and the growth of the vegetation is having a positive benefit.

EPA management would really benefit from some kind of flow line on how the process started, where we were, where we are going, and where we want to end up. Shawn said there are diagrams we can view on CAM Net which has its own website. Karen asked to have the updated website reviewed in a future meeting so we can get constructive feedback. It was suggested to include that on the September agenda.

Science Team Report

MDNR received the 2013 sampling results and they have been emailed to members. Recall there was not a fall sample, so if you look at where we are you can see we have got a mixture of data both full and partially supporting. Remember 16 is our magic number so those numbers are in white, the ones that were partially supporting are darker. MDNR will try to get Dave Michaelson, the scientist in charge of the Invertebrate study, to be at our next meeting and share his thoughts on the results.

Jason Hubbart's research at Forum 10 shows there is this big kick in the spring with snow runoff, but he suggests that no chloride stays in there longer but it takes longer to flush the fluid off.

The Fish Study presented was tabled and clarification was requested of the possibilities of committing to a two instead of a four-year study. Joe Engeln suggested we have the proposal author, Amanda Rosenberger, join us next month to answer questions.

An educational forum could be decided upon at any time, and there is really no need to take a motion on the \$7000 proposal.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 17, 2014