



Tippecanoe County Partnership *for* Water Quality

The Tippecanoe County Partnership for Water Quality met Thursday, June 30th 2011, at the Tippecanoe County Office Building. Those in attendance were; Lori Gates, Jay DeMais, Michelle Dillon, Lou Perdue, Ken Larson, Dave Henderson, Sara Peel, Crystal Joshua, Max Whitlock, Zach Beasley, Dale Snipes, Michael Susong, Ron Holliday, Angie Andrews, and Chris Remley.

Approval for May 26th meeting minutes: Lori asked if there were any additions and/or corrections to be made to the May minutes. Being none, a motion was made by Jim Knapp and 2nd by Zach Beasley to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Preparations for IDEM audit for IDDE; Mock Audit scheduling: Lori is making audit preparations with Crystal. Lori has put together a binder containing examples using EPA guidelines and CB enhancements. Lori will turn over the outline to Reggie to make sure we are all aligning. Burke has been working with INAFSM. They have a new sub-committee focusing on IDDE. The coordinator for the group has been going through Rule 13, line by line and putting in some commonly asked questions. Burke will mass distribute this information to see what additional questions people have and get the questions to IDEM. Burke will ask for a written response from IDEM for each individual question. INAFSM is taking a proactive stance because of the gray areas. They will be gathering as much information as possible ahead of time to see if they can get everyone on the same page. Reggie called Zach explaining she is planning on holding 7 audit training workshops around the state during the month of August. She asked Zach if the partnership would be interested in hosting a training sessions on Thursday, August 25th. A motion was made by Jim to host the IDDE training workshop. 2nd by Dave. Motion carried. Zach made a motion to allow up to \$100 for refreshments and paper products for the workshop. 2nd by Jim. Motion carried.

2011 Expenditures to Date Status – CBBEL & county Quarterly Billings – Remaining Common Cost Funds Available: Zach stated everything is still in good shape. Zach will send out a report for everyone by the middle of July.

Dog Waste Give-away items; Yard Waste Signs, Doggy Bag Holders, Suckers: Ray Gun Graphics re-did the design that had been submitted to them. The partnership now owns the two new images that were created by Ray Gun. 250 signs were ordered with the “H” stakes. Zach stated the signs are available for pick up in his office. It was suggested the signs be distributed to apartment buildings that are pet friendly. **Doggy Bag Holders:** Zach explained the fire hydrant dog dispensers were free due to not receiving a proof. New dog, doggie-dispensers have been ordered and should arrive soon. All items will be available at the 4-H fair.

TCPWQ Newsletter: Lori brought samples of previous newsletters. The last newsletter distribution was July – September 2010. The partnership decided to keep the newsletters in

circulation on a quarterly basis. The newsletter will be distributed electronically with some hard copies available as well. Partnership partners have agreed to submit articles for the newsletter.

Of River clean-ups/Green Week at Purdue: Jim is starting to plan for green week at Purdue. The event will be held the last week of September. He would like to continue having the clean-up in the spring and fall. Once Jim gets the dates he will be in contact with Monica.

“Drive-it-yourself” Water Quality Tour Update: Michelle brought in her lap-top for people to view the tour. As of right now, you need Google Earth program to view the 13 minute drive-it-yourself tour. Michelle will continue to tweak the program.

Public Educator Update: Written report was handed out. **4-H Fair, “Did you know” slogan/need questions:** Monica will come up with the “Did you know questions for the fair display. **United Way issues:** Zach explained to the partnership that Monica was with the LOT (Leaders of Tomorrow, from United Way) kids today. He told the partnership there had been some issues regarding a couple of the kids. The partnership decided if United Way approached them about being a sponsor again, they would do more investigating into the program.

SWCD Update Report: Chris spoke about fair set-up. “Ours to Protect”, The Wabash River Banner. Chris will get prices on the banners and let the group know the cost. Chris also passed out the fair sign-up sheet. And we will be having the WREC wheel again this year. Riverfest. SWCD and TCPWQ will each have an adjoining tent. We will provide the Incredible Journey as a teaching tool for the public.

WREC Update Report: WREC has started working on their cost share program. It was suggested to Sara that she approach the partnership and inquire about the possibility of seeking matching money from the partnership. Crystal stated that WREC will have implementation money available possibly October, but more likely in January 2012, and it would be a good opportunity for the partnership to vote on something this year for actually getting BMP’s installed and on the ground. Sara stated they do not have a definite date as to when the money will be available, but she will keep everyone updated.

Media Update: Zach and Monica met with Dorothy Schneider from the Journal & Courier. Lori and Zach worked on draft series of news releases potentially for publication. Lori has the outline for viewing.

INAFSM Annual Conference, September 14th – 16th, Pokagon State Park: Lori state registration is now open. Lori has a draft agenda if anyone wishes to see it.

INAFSM - IDDE Subcommittee Meeting Debrief: FYI from Lori, Muncie Sanitary District, their stormwater utility has been audited by the state auditor. The initial feedback they were getting from the inspector was the inspectors interruption of the enabling Indiana Code 8-1.5 was, they could not utilize stormwater utility money to pay for rule 13 components. Muncie has provided the auditor with information regarding rule 13 and EPA requirements. They are hoping this is just a case of lack of education on the State Board of Accounts part.

Other: Michelle spoke about the Erosion Control Inspector meeting she attended. John Sabo who is an inspector for Lake County shared information about the software Lake County, is using to track MS4 requirements as well as inspections. John gave Michelle's name as a contact person for the CBI Systems. Michelle was contacted by CBI systems. Michelle told the lady she would take the information to the next partnership meeting to get everyone's thoughts about a possible webinar to view the company's software. If anyone is interested in the software, you can contact Zach, Lori or Crystal.

Next meeting date: August 18th, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Grand Prairie Room of the County Building. ☺

Motion made by Jim to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Zach. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.