

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY STEERING COMMITTEE  
NPDES Phase II SWQMP**

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**SUMMARY OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

DATE: May 24, 2002  
TO: Project File  
COPY: Steering Committee Members/ CBBEL  
FROM: Siavash E. Beik, P.E., CBBEL  
SUBJECT: Summary of Steering Committee Meeting  
Tippecanoe County Building  
May 23, 2002 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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**ATTENDEES**

Steering Committee

George Parker -	W. Lafayette Citizens Representative
Sallie Fahey -	Area Plan Commission
Jim Knapp -	Purdue University
Dana Smith -	Chamber of Commerce
Mike Spencer -	City of Lafayette
Brian Keene -	Homebuilders Association
Linda Eastman -	Tippecanoe County SWCD
Dean Zimmerman -	IDNR, FWS / Environmental Representative
Ken Larson -	Ivy Tech State College
Steve Murray -	Tippecanoe County Surveyor
Opal Kuhl -	City of Lafayette
Roger McClellan -	Pheasants Forever
Siavash Beik -	CBBEL
Gina Weilbaker -	CBBEL

Additional Attendees

Tom Willeford -	Tippecanoe County SWCD
Rachele Baker -	CBBEL
Lenny Noens -	CBBEL

**MEETING AGENDA**

- I. Introduction of Any New Members and Seating Arrangements
- II. Review of Agenda and Time Allocation for Each Agenda Item
- III. Summary of April 30, 2002 Meeting
- IV. Presentation of Issue Paper #1: Goals and Objectives of Current Countywide Stormwater Management Efforts



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- V. Presentation of Issue Paper #2: Development of Stormwater Program Logo
- VI. Next Meeting Date
- VII. Preparation for Next Meeting

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. Steve Murray welcomed everyone to the meeting and each person stated his or her name and affiliation.
2. Siavash Beik reviewed agenda and asked the group for consensus on time allocation for each proposed item. Siavash introduced the concept of a 'Parking Lot', whereby topics that come up that are of interest, but not specific to the current issue, will be placed in the 'Parking Lot', or flip chart, and will be discussed at a later date.
3. Gina Weilbaker presented the April 30, 2002 Summary of Steering Committee Meeting.
4. Gina Weilbaker began presentation of Issue Paper #1. Gina first stated that the Steering Committee would be asked to respond to the format of the meetings, summaries, and issue paper and asked to offer suggestions for improving meeting/document format. Next, Gina briefly presented background information that included description and cost of CSMP and description and cost of NPDES Phase II. Finally, CBBEL's recommendations were presented one question at a time and then asked for consensus vote by the steering committee.

*Question #1 –*

*Should the goals and objectives of the current countywide stormwater management effort focus solely on the NPDES Phase II SWQMP at this time?*

- Q. George Parker asked for clarification on different levels of CSMP.
- A. Siavash Beik explained the concepts of average, moderate, and advanced levels of CSMP as well as looking at stormwater management on a watershed basis versus individual sites.
- Q. Linda Eastman asked if other areas that may be forced to comply, such as Shadeland, Battleground, Dayton, etc., should have representatives at the Steering Committee meetings.



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- A. Steve Murray stated these areas will be represented if the 2000 Census map indicate them as designated areas. The current Steering Committee members that represent designated entities are based on the 1990 Census map.
- A. Siavash Beik stated that Allen County is encouraging non-designated entities to voluntarily comply, without formally being listed on the NPDES Phase II permit.
  
- Q. Linda Eastman asked if non-designated communities will be covered by the changes in Rule 5, and any ordinances adopted.
- A. Steve Murray stated that Tippecanoe County's policy will be to make the majority of new ordinance's that are brought on by NPDES apply county-wide. Although non-designated communities will not necessarily be formally included in the permit, these communities will have to comply with County requirements.

Comment: Sallie Fahey stated that Urban Areas might change as time goes on, and better data is available, and also as local reviews occur.

- Q. Dean Zimmerman asked whether septic tanks/illicit discharges apply if it occurs in a non-designated area.
- A. Steve Murray said that if there is an outfall detected during inspections, then it will be documented.
  
- Q. Siavash Beik asked if there is consensus on the CBBEL recommendation
- A. Steering Committee had no objections to the CBBEL recommendation

*Question #2 –*

*Should the NPDES Phase II SWQMP focus on all point sources of stormwater pollutants such as industrial, agricultural, commercial, and residential?*

- Q. Linda Eastman asked if IDEM has set specific water quality “numbers” for compliance.
- A. Steve Murray stated that IDEM has not set numbers for water quality. Instead, the compliance will be based on action taken by the entities. Steve also noted that industrial activities are currently covered under their own separate rule and that will continue.
  
- Q. A member asked how agriculture will be addressed, if it is currently being ignored.
- A. Steve Murray stated that after the first permit term of Phase II is completed, IDEM may expand the focus.

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Q. A member asked how erosion control will be handled within the NPDES Phase II program since it is now being handled by IDNR.

A. Steve Murray stated he was not sure how it will be handled, but it could possibly remain with IDNR.

Q. Sallie Fahey asked if it is being considered that water quality testing requirements may be added later.

A. Steve Murray and Siavash Beik stated that it could be added; it hasn't been completely dropped at this point by IDEM.

Comment: Sallie Fahey wants it stated in the policy statement that these are recommendations for only the first phase, and that other land uses and characterization data will be considered for the next permit term.

Q. A member asked if the requirements are different for "sensitive waters".

A. Siavash Beik stated that "sensitive waters" as determined on IDEM mapping have to be listed as part of SWQMP Part B. Gina Weilbaker stated that an entity could also petition IDEM to designate a river as "sensitive" if it has significant value to the community.

Q. Sallie Fahey asked if BMPs will be different for sensitive waters than other streams.

A. Steve Murray stated that most likely the BMPs will be different and that will be addressed when the steering committee gets into BMPs.

Q. Siavash Beik asked if there is consensus on the CBBEL recommendation

A. Steering Committee had no objections as long as recommendation states that the County will revisit expanding the stormwater plan beyond the minimum requirements for the second permit term.

*Question #3 –*

*Should the NPDES Phase II SWQMP focus only on the Phase II minimum requirements for each MCM?*

Q. Sallie Fahey asked for explanation of differences between MCMs and BMPs.

A. Siavash Beik described the differences and offered to provide an acronym sheet and pamphlet developed by IDEM.

Comment: Sallie Fahey asked that CBBEL cross-reference terms, i.e. MCM from IDEM, Program Element from IDEM, etc.

Q. Siavash Beik asked if there is consensus on the CBBEL recommendation

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A. Steering Committee had no objections to the CBBEL recommendation

*Question #4 –*

*Should an Objective Statement be developed for the Steering Committee?*

Comment: Sallie Fahey suggested changing “can be implemented” to “will be implemented” and list the specific known entities and add “and other entities” rather than stating “designated entities”.

Comment: Mike Spencer suggested deleting the word “minimum”.

Comment: Members stated that last sentence is confusing and suggested changing “exclusive” to “specific”.

Q. Siavash Beik asked if there is consensus on the CBBEL recommendation

A. Steering Committee stated that the Objective Statement will have to be revised before agreeing to consensus.

Comment: Siavash Beik stated that CBBEL will rewrite the statement and present it again in the Policy Statement for review at the next Steering Committee meeting.

5. Rachele Baker gave presentation of Issue Paper #2 background information, questions, and CBBEL recommendations.

Comment: Sallie Fahey stated that a contest may result in nothing the group likes for a logo. She suggested it may be better to pay someone to develop the logo.

Q. Sallie Fahey asked what was the current arrangement for paying for the Phase II contract.

A. Steve Murray explained the contract with CBBEL was for specific Phase II requirements and further explained who is contributing.

Q. Sallie Fahey asked if there is additional money in the contract to cover things like developing a logo.

A. Steve Murray stated that there is no additional money.



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- Q. Members asked if entities put in more money now, could it be reimbursed in the future. Also, if logo were developed during MCM implementation, would it be paid for from stormwater funds?
- A. Steve Murray stated the project team doesn't know if there will be assessments, etc. or how the program is going to be covered financially. Steve stated that the Steering Committee could recommend the logo be developed as part of the SWQMP.

Comment: Sallie Fahey stated she likes the idea of a logo, but if there is no money available then the group should not pursue it.

Comment: Dana Smith recommended having a contest where it is free, rather than paying a consultant

Comment: Linda Eastman suggested educating schools/groups first before having a logo contest.

Comment: Siavash suggested tabling this topic, due to time, until the next Steering Committee meeting.

6. Steve Murray stated that members may leave their nametags with him between meetings.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, July 18, 2002  
County Building  
10:00 am – 11:30 am

- Topic for next meeting will be Issue Paper #2 and presentation of future Issue Paper topics

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