



Upper White River Watershed Alliance, Inc.
March 17, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 PM Thursday March 17, 2005. Those present were as follows: Mr. Walter Evans, Hamilton County Surveyor's Office; Mr. Carl Wodrich, IDEM; Mr. Bill Savage, City of Elwood; Mr. Rob Shumowsky, McCog; Mr. John Buechler, Polis; Ms. Susan Chamberlin, Polis; Mr. Larry Stout, Hamilton County ISSD; County; Ms. Sarah Baxter; Williams Creek Consulting and Ms. Bonny Elifrit, IDEM.

Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2004:

There were no changes made; the minutes were approved.

Project Oversight Committee Report

Mr. Thompson stated that he saw some documents that John Buechler sent out. A suggestion would be to include a list of MS4 entities in the watershed.

UWRWA GIS Project - Update:

Mr. Buechler stated that the Polis Center is getting ready to give a presentation of the GIS Website for the Upper White. They would like to obtain comments this week; he has a meeting with _____, the developer next week and they will go through, in detail, these pages and answer any questions he has for the development of the prototype. The stuff behind the scenes is being worked on now. There has been some discussion of whether the website should have, what is now the Upper White River Watershed Website; that will go away and they have a new opening page which will be a substitute. These are things that need to be flushed out.

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Buechler if he has received many comments back?

Mr. Buechler stated that they have not really had many comments.

Mr. Thompson stated that Wade Amos is the new MS4 coordinator with Morgan County so he would be a valuable resource. Amos is very much interested in this project and the Upper White.

Mr. Buechler stated that Mr. Amos called him; he sent Mr. Amos a list of the data and approximately three or four documents. They still need to work with Mr. Stout and see how much of the County's data they can pull in versus put on the server at I.U. They have the same issue with Anderson.

Mr. Wodrich (inaudible)

Mr. Thompson stated that as the Phase II communities implement their water quality programs that would seem to be an indicator that their program is working. This would be an indicator and something that IDEM would look at in a community's annual report. There is some new soil mapping data that the County has recently have acquired.

Mr. Stout stated that these are the official maps from NRCS.

(Inaudible)

Mr. Thompson asked if there has been any discussion on maintaining the information on the Upper White meetings; who would be responsible for updating that information.

Mr. Buechler stated that there have been discussions with Neal; (inaudible)

(Inaudible)

Guide Lamp Trustee Projects Update:

Mr. Wodrich stated that the next Citizen Advisory Council meets April 6 at the Lapel Library at 4:00. There is approximately \$500,000.00 that is currently available, but there are no projects at this point. They are continuing to work with the City of Noblesville Parks Department on public access on Division Street. They are also working with _____ Conservation in _____ in Marion County. (Inaudible)

Mr. Thompson asked if the canoe launch in Noblesville was the DNR canoe launch?

Mr. Wodrich stated that this is under the Parks Department.

Mr. Thompson stated that he and Al Patterson are going out Friday afternoon to post five signs and mark where those signs are and hopefully get them posted at various sites, one of which is 116th Street at the DNR boat launch.

(Inaudible)

Veolia Water – EPA Watershed Grant:

Mr. Thompson stated that there has been some discussion that the water company might be going after some EPA watershed grant money. A couple of ideas have been floating around lately, which has to do with the Upper White River Watershed Alliance with the Phase II communities. Originally they received a proposal from Carmel, which is one of the County's co-permittees about putting together a storm water video to educate the public about storm water runoff and pollution. Hendricks County would like to participate. He thought he would be a good idea to expand this into other MS4 communities in the watershed; they are all in the same boat; they have to educate the public about storm water runoff and pollution. Why not make this an event that everybody can take part in. This will meet some public education requirements for all the MS4 communities which is required by Rule 13. It would be a good marketing tool by the Upper White River Watershed Alliance and there would be opportunities for private businesses and other organizations to participate, like Veolia Water.

(Inaudible)

Mr. Thompson stated that a discussion came up about doing something specific to locality versus using generic things; there is a case to be made for both. Funding is critical and in this case the County has some funds to help in this type of video, but in a watershed approach with other MS4 communities you could do a more elaborate video and still keep the costs down. With the watershed approach and the fact that the Upper White could stand to get some good marketing out there, but actually go to the network and get this material out.

Mr. Thompson stated that Project Storm did a video, which has now been posted on the Indiana Department of Education Website. A lot of people in this area already link their websites to that. The video will be on the County's website soon. The video "After the Storm" put on by EPA and the Weather Channel has that streaming on the County's website.

(Inaudible)

Other Business:

Mr. Shumousky stated that Madison County contracted with _____

(Inaudible)

Next Meeting Date:

The meeting was set for Thursday May 19, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in Noblesville.

Kenton C. Ward
Hamilton County Surveyor

Attest: _____
Executive Secretary