

Upper White River Watershed Alliance, Inc.  
Technical Committee Minutes  
June 5, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 AM Tuesday June 5, 2001. Those present were as follows: Mr. Kent Ward, Hamilton County Surveyor; Mr. Richard Huyck, Bureau of Water Quality in Muncie; Mr. David Heighway, R. W. Armstrong; Mr. Neil Myers, J. F. New and Associates; Mr. Tom White, City of Indianapolis DPW; Mr. Jim Dunaway, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Indiana Department of Environmental management; Ms. Cindy Fort, American Consulting; Mr. Don Anthis, City of Noblesville Utility Director; Mr. Steve Hall, Goode and Associates; and Ms. Becky Waymire, Morgan County.

**Technical Committee Goals and Objectives/Policy Committee Recommendations:**

Mr. Kent Ward presented copies of the draft of the goals and objectives for the Watershed Alliance and a recent set of minutes from the policy committee. Mr. Ward stated that the technical committee would be looking at the technical aspects of the subject matter that would be brought to the Alliance and then reporting the information to the policy committee and eventually the board. The policy committee would then try to find ways to get results.

Mr. Steve Hall stated that he and Mr. Ward had met with Mr. Phil Brannick, policy committee chair, and discussed how some of the items would be concurrent activities. The policy committee has asked the technical committee to look at how monitoring could be done and what historical data was available from other sources.

Mr. Ward stated that he would like to focus on the monitoring of the watersheds and reviewing BMP's with relationship to Phase II.

**Recruiting Additional Participants:**

Mr. Ward asked if anyone had any ideas of people/organizations that might be able to help with the technical issues?

Ms. Cindy Fort suggested trying to contact those who had shown interest in the Alliance early on that have dropped out to try and renew interest.

Mr. Steve Hall stated that he has created a database of all the participants of the alliance. He has done some querying of the database and come up with about 50 or 60 individuals that might be good to send information.

It was suggested that the Health Departments, Consultants or environmental groups should probably be contacted.

Several more suggestions were made.

**Coordinating Regional Water Quality Monitoring:**

Mr. Ward presented copies of NPDES maps and IDEM Monitoring stations throughout the basin. Mr. Ward stated that the information needed for the monitoring was who is doing the monitoring, where, when and what are they looking for. He stated that he would like to have all four of those questions answered to get a handle on what the health of the basin was.

Mr. Steve Hall explained the set up of the maps. He stated that from the maps the committee could determine who has what where and the frequency of monitoring done in the basin. As far as other data collection a survey, phone call, or e-mails.

Mr. Ward suggested that a survey would be the best option to gain the needed information. The committee concurred.

The committee discussed what types of questions should be asked and a sub-committee was formed to develop the survey. Those on the sub-committee were as follows: Mr. Steve Hall, Mr. Don Anthis, Ms. Cindy Fort, Mr. Richard Huyck and Ms. Becky Waymire.

The committee discussed the quickest and most cost effective way to start the process of monitoring the Upper White River Basin. A biological study was discussed as being the best way to narrow down the problem areas. It was also decided that to begin the process any monitoring data collected would not be more than five years old.

**IDEM's CSO Long Term Control Plan:**

Mr. Steve Hall stated that at the last Board meeting they discussed putting together some comments on the long term control plan. The question was where was it cost effective to continue to improve water quality. The problem with the guidance from IDEM was that it suggest that an entity could work in a watershed, but limits the entity to the 14 digit watershed in which it discharges, which means if, for example, Noblesville Utilities discharge into the Wilson Ditch they would only get credit if they work with somebody in the Wilson Ditch. They would not get credit for working with someone outside of the Wilson Ditch, but still within the Upper White River Watershed. Mr. Hall stated that his written comments were too long to print out, but that he would e-mail them to the committee members.

Mr. Don Anthis stated that one of the things that the municipalities and utilities were having a problem with IDEM on was that IDEM had a problem with blending and CSO related bypasses at the treatment works itself. Mr. Anthis stated that both of those were allowed in the national CSO policy.

**BMP's for Stormwater Phase II:**

Mr. Kent Ward stated that one of the items discussed in his meeting with Bill Brannick was forming a sub-committee to investigate the BMP's that are available that has worked in other states. This would allow the alliance to develop some BMP's to submit to IDEM in regard to Phase II with the possibility that IDEM would possibly use them.

A sub-committee was formed by the following people: Mr. Steve Hall, Mr. Kent Ward, Ms. Cindy Fort and Mr. Neil Myers. Mr. Don Anthis stated that if he were aware of the meeting dates he would try to attend.

**Set Meeting Date:**

The next meeting was set for August 7, 2001 at 9:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Kenton C. Ward  
UWRWA Technical Committee Chairman