

Upper White River Watershed Alliance, Inc.
Technical Committee Minutes
August 7, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 AM Tuesday August 7, 2001. Those present were as follows: Mr. Kent Ward, Hamilton County Surveyor; Mr. David Heighway, R. W. Armstrong; Mr. Neil Myers, J. F. New and Associates; Ms. Cindy Fort, American Consulting; Mr. Don Anthis, City of Noblesville Utility Director; Mr. Steve Hall, Goode and Associates.

Review of Minutes of June 5, 2001 Meeting:

Mr. David Heighwig changed the spelling of his name. The name Phil Brannick is actually Bill Brannick. That was the only change made to the minutes for the June 5, 2001 meeting.

Water Quality Data Survey:

Mr. Hall presented copies of the Data Survey form. He stated that the last two pages of the form were the entire list of water chemistry perimeters that IDEM retains on their database. Mr. Hall asked if someone flipped through 458 chemical perimeters would they decide not to do the survey?

Ms. Cindy Fort stated that she would rather put a check mark by what was tested so that what was returned would be readable.

Mr. Hall stated that it would be easy to use this as an entry form to plug things back into the database, but he didn't want to overwhelm people.

Mr. Ward stated that the people that this will go to will realize that they just need to check what they test.

Mr. Hall stated that most of the items that are tested are separated out into groups (organic, metals, etc.)

Mr. Ward stated that Cindy's idea on providing a list with check boxes would be best.

Mr. Hall stated that he has received IDEM's Chemical Database and that it will be a valuable tool when information starts coming back. He stated that IDEM's chemical database has the full chemical name and the abbreviation.

Ms. Fort asked if these forms would be e-mailed, filled out and e-mailed back?

Mr. Hall stated that the form was created in Access and all the fields have drop down menus with several options. He stated that there would be some hard copies that will have to go out to some, which was the reason for the copy in hand, but it would be preferable to do electronically.

Mr. Anthis suggested putting the data survey form on the web site. Mr. Anthis asked Mr. Hall if there was a database set up now on a web site to be used?

Mr. Hall stated that there is a database, but not on the web.

There was further discussion on the web site and Mr. Hall stated that he would check into having it put on the web.

Mr. Anthis stated that he would like to know what it is going to be used for and who would have access to the form.

Mr. Heighwig asked if sending the form and then a follow up for the chemical analysis would get them enough information on who is testing?

Mr. Ward asked Mr. Hall how many forms would be sent out?

Mr. Hall stated in the ballpark of 150. He stated that some communities would be gearing up for Stormwater Phase II and would also be sending forms to some colleges. He stated that drinking water facilities that exclusively use ground water are not on the existing databases, but would be able to find this information.

Mr. Anthis asked what will utilities that collect data every day going to get out of this survey? How are they going to get information back? He asked who would have access to this and would it put utilities at risk for third party lawsuits?

Mr. Hall stated that these questions would be addressed in a cover letter.

Mr. Ward asked if this information would be required to be given out because of use of public monies?

Mr. Hall stated that they did get a legal opinion on this and they would not be required to have public meetings or allow public access and that this information would be the property of the corporation. He stated that there are some people from IDEM who are on our mailing list, one person in particular is Lycia Schmidt who is in charge of 305B. 305B is accumulating all the data collected by IDEM, IDNR and anyone else who collects data. Mr. Hall stated that Ms. Schmidt called and stated that they would be glad to get this data and was told that they probably would not get it unless the Board decided in favor of it.

Mr. Ward asked if IDEM wanted information and the stream is on 303 and the information the committee has would take it off would they give it to them?

Mr. Hall stated that that decision would have to be made by the organization or policy committee.

Mr. Ward asked if the cover letter should be sent out by itself or with the data form?

Mr. Hall stated that he did not want to be in a hurry to get this out and that he would like to simplify the data form.

Ms. Fort stated that she would like to get a copy of the data form e-mailed to her so she could open it in access and test it.

Mr. Myers stated that if the data form is on the web anyone would be able to access the form and the committee would need something to let them know if the information they are getting is in or out of the watershed.

Mr. Anthis suggested giving a pin number to those organizations within the watershed that would be using the data form. He stated that there needs to be some ethical standards on how data is going to be used.

Mr. Hall stated that he wanted to answer all the questions with a cover letter.

The questions and answers, for the cover letter were reviewed by the members of the committee.

Review IDEM's New Materials on Stormwater II Community Listings:

Mr. Hall presented the members with information on IDEM's web page. He stated that IDEM had updated their web page with Stormwater II items. They have updated their maps for Stormwater II communities and have compared it to the map that was produced by the UWRWA.

Mr. Ward asked if they were going to take portions of a county within an urban area or the entire county?

Mr. Hall stated that he had heard the entire county.

Mr. Anthis stated that the CSO communities might end up going alone on this.

Mr. Hall stated that IDEM is looking at Census Bureau's Maps for urban areas.

BMP's for Stormwater Phase II:

Mr. Hall stated that ordinance revisions for Chapter 100 and 700 are on www.indygov/dpw web page. The information from the last meeting was reviewed. Mr. Hall presented a document of pre-approved BMP's that he received off the web page. Mr. Hall believes that the web page is current.

Mr. Ward asked if there could be anything in the Indiana Drainage HandBook that would be useful?

Mr. Hall stated that there probably is, but did not bring a copy of it.

Mr. Ward stated that the Indiana Drainage HandBook was on the web also under Christopher Burkes web site.

A date was set for September 11, 2001 at 2:00 PM in the Commissioners Conference Room at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center to review some materials for selecting Stormwater BMP's.

Discussion on information for the September meeting continued.

Comments of the CSO's:

Mr. Hall presented the committee with a copy of the comments from the meeting. The comments were related to watershed concepts in the CSO plan.

Set Meeting Date:

The next meeting was set for October 16, 2001 at 2:00 PM.

Mr. Ward asked if there was anything that needed to be brought up for the next meeting.

Mr. Hall stated that Morgan County may need some information from the UWRWA as well as some other small groups.

The meeting was adjourned.

Kenton C. Ward
UWRWA Technical Committee Chairman