

Indian Creek Watershed Steering Committee August 13, 2007 Meeting Notes

In Attendance:

Brett Lackey
Norman Voyles
Steve Cravens
Bob Atnip
Terry Fenimore
Jennifer Sobecki
Donald Fox
Bob Weaver
Ernest Johnson
Debra Ashack
Bonny Elifritz

Debra:

- Reviewed minutes from June 11th meeting and addressed information suggested for investigation for additional data, including health departments for septic failure reportings, NPDES violations by permitted dischargers, land use maps, and county comprehensive plans.
- Summarized Johnson and Morgan County Fair booths featuring watershed projects and water quality surveys.
- Presented reorganization of previously identified concerns as problems, causes and effects as a means to develop problem statements with regards to those concerns.
- Asked the group to consider how the concerns could be restated in the form of problem statements that can be addressed by setting goals and objectives.
- Presented the group with land use maps of the watershed and asked that everyone add their personal knowledge of land uses of concern. Maps will be consolidated at the next meeting.
- Asked for volunteers to draft Mission Statements for the project to be presented at the next meeting.

Bonny:

- Discussed need to solidify steering committee and asked for volunteers for committee chair and recorder. Jennifer Sobecki volunteered for chair and Brett Lackey volunteered as recorder.
- Discussed idea that a lot of information has been gathered so far, but the group needs to identify and compile additional information relating to the concerns of the public and steering committee.
- Suggested the inclusion of the survey results from the county fairs in the newsletter or article showing questions, correct answers and % people who

- answered correctly (indicates level of watershed knowledge, awareness). (Debra responded that the survey results have been summarized in the upcoming watershed newsletter, with full results on the Johnson County SWCD website watershed link. Editing of the website is being done to include an on-line survey.
- Suggested that the steering committee and watershed coordinator need to be consistent in windshield surveys, what they want to mark on maps as sources of pollution that are related to water quality concerns already noted.

Ernest Johnson, IDEM, TMDL Project Manager:

Discussed data IDEM gathers and what is available for the project outside what was presented in the TMDL.

Passed out maps showing data such as NPDES facilities, CFO's, and impaired waters. Discussed parameters of other pollutants of concern in the watershed for which no State water quality standard exists.

Discussed how this additional data could help the committee define goals based on desirable limits for pollutants of concern.

Stated that the determinations of the committee could help IDEM determine where future sampling could be done.

Next meeting date: Monday, September 10, 2007, 6:30 p.m., Painted Hills Clubhouse

Action Items for September meeting:

Compile an acronym list (with explanations) for steering committee (and to insert in WMP appendix)

Develop packet of materials for the steering committee (binders or folders for keeping information organized)

Present timeline of Plan requirements;

Consideration of draft Mission Statements;

Prioritize concerns;

Begin developing problem statements, goals and objectives;

Assign examination of land uses based on compilation of map information.