

NEWSC FULL CONSORTIUM MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2008
GRAND CHUTE TOWN HALL

Members Present: Jeff Mazanec, Allen Davis, Dave Vander Velden, Janet Sosnosky, Brian Wayner, Angela Gorall, Brenda Schneider, Jim Bachhuber, Steve Arndt, Patrick Kuehl, Sue Olson, Matthew Heckenlaible, Diana Peterson, Peter Schleinz, Nick Waldschmidt, Kimberly Miller, Keith Johnson, Ryan Van Camp, Dean Kaderabek, Jan DeKeyser, Dave Dexter, Heath Kummerow, Ted Rohloff, Elizabeth Marks, Keith Marquardt, Jeremy Freund, Dave Johnson, Lee Schley, Sean Hutchison, Jeff Elrick, Dean Schiller, George Dearborn, Scott Ahl, Eugene McLeod, Dan Helf, Mike Liebman, Bill Balke, Tom Janke, Sam Tobias, Brenda Schneider, Jeff Piette, James Rabe, Nick Vande Hey, Jessica Beckendorf

Minutes Taken By: Kimberly Miller (Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission)

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Sue Olson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Members introduced themselves.
- II. **NEWSC Coordinator:** Diana Peterson was introduced as the new coordinator. She is a contract employee, not a Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance employee. She will work out of her home. The Bay-Lake RPC contract will end Nov. 15th. After Nov. 15 the phone number and email on the website will no longer be valid and will need to be changed. The executive committee is working on getting a new phone number for NEWSC and Diana will have her own email.
- III. **Financial Report:** Nick Waldschmidt reviewed the budget. There has not been as much spent on the coordinator position as anticipated in 2008. Also, there has been no new bills on the phosphorus grant, no more expected bills from Build My Own, and no scholarship money spent. The balance is approximately \$114,000. There was a motion by Jessica Beckendorf and seconded by Ted Rohloff to accept the financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

Sue Olson announced that membership invoices have been sent out. A second copy would not be mailed. Therefore, if a member's dues are going to be paid out in 2009 members needed to keep their invoices. Dues should be the same as last year. If they are different, please contact Sue O.

Sue Olson also announced that since no scholarship money had been spent, if anyone knew of any training that they wanted to attend in December to please let them know ASAP.

IV. Committee Reports:

Tools and Resources: Jeff Mazanec and Janet Sosnosky provided an overview to the new NEWSC website including the public website and member website. The website will be updated as needed and they will train new people to help update. Janet S. will update the contact information from Bay-Lake RPC to the new coordinator. The older information on the website is not password protected, only

working documents will be. The members only website is only one page and as documents are finalized and published they will be moved to the public website. The username for the members website has been changed to "NEWSC08" and the password is still "member". Janet S. will continue at this time to conduct updates on the website, but the responsibilities will be transitioned to the new coordinator.

Janet S. also reviewed the NEWSC.info website. There is some missing information and links on the website. The website will continue to be updated and expanded. The goal is that this website will be the website for cities, villages, and towns on storm water education.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at SEH.

Erosion Control: James Rabe reported on the CPESC training. All members should have received an email about the training. All questions need to be directed to James R. Members asked if they can sit through the training if they do not plan on taking the test. The answer was yes. The class will be limited to 25 people, one person from each organization unless the spots are not filled and there are openings. One goal of the training is to get local people trained who can then conduct the training.

The committee is currently reviewing and making updates to the construction site erosion control reference guide. They are updating the post construction site storm water management reference guide to incorporate revisions to the DNR technical standards. They are also expected to finish reference guide appendices in early 2009. Thirteen communities have responded to the commercial construction site erosion control survey. And the committee is continuing to work with UW-Extension on the development of BMP facts sheets. It will be a comprehensive document with pictures. It will go to owners of ponds in the area and will go with the checklist for inspections.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2008 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at McMahon Associates, Inc.

Illicit Discharge: Matt Heckenlaible reported that the committee is currently working on the illicit discharge training presentation that will address "what if" scenarios. They are also working on several I&E items: Information letters for carpet cleaners, power washing, and concrete suppliers; and an informational pamphlet for concrete saw cutting and dumpster management.

The committee is looking at finishing all their items in mid-2009.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2008, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m at OMNNI.

Information & Education: Jessica Beckendorf reported that the committee will be split into 2 committees. One will continue to work on the phosphorus grant, and is

working on the WEEB grant application. The other committee will continue development of seasonal packets, work with T & R on website, work on booth display, radio PSA's, work on a library of resources, and review I & E plan.

Both committees will meet together at the next meeting, and then determine independent schedules at that time. Insight Creative Services is scheduled to be at the next I & E and full membership meeting for an update.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2008, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m at UW Extension, Outagamie County office.

- V. Adopt 2009 Budget:** Nick Waldschmidt presented the proposed budget for 2009. There were no questions from members. There was a motion by James Rabe and seconded by Elizabeth Marks to accept the 2009 budget. Motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Phosphorus Regulations:** Sue Olson reported that the phosphorus committee is looking into concerns of the new proposed regulations. There was suppose to be a meeting in mid-August, but it was postponed and no new date has been set. The new regulations will not only affect storm water, but also wastewater treatment and the agricultural community. There will be significant impacts to small discharges and discharges into Lake Michigan. The new regulations are also being considered in the new TMDL regulations for the Lower Fox River watershed. Matt Heckenlaible will be sending out information about the TMDL regulations to the affected communities.
- VII. & VIII. NR 216 Credit for NEWSC and DNR News and Updates:** Dan Helf reported the checklist that was distributed is helpful to them and asked everyone to continue to use it. He also stated that a committee was formed to look at the changes to NR 151 and that NEWSC could have one member serve on the advisory committee.

MS4 permits need to be re-submitted 180 days prior to deadline. There was a misprint in the permit.

For members of NEWSC, being a member is not enough to meet requirements. Members will need to tell DNR how they used NEWSC products for the local level requirement. Members will get credit for NEWSC accomplishments at the regional level, but still need to do something on their own to meet local requirements. NEWSC will use the MS4 tracker to generate report of activities and accomplishments that members can use.

- IV. 2009 Council Elections:** NEWSC by-laws only allow for 11 positions, therefore to keep the number at 11 or below Past Chair / Illicit Discharge Committee Chair was combined.

To date nominations are as follows:
Chairperson: Peter Schlein, Brown County

Vice Chair: Matt Heckenlaible, City of Green Bay
Treasurer / Secretary: Nick Waldschmidt, City of Fond du Lac
Past Chair / Illicit Discharge Committee Chair: Sue Olson, City of Appleton
Erosion Control / Stormwater Committee Chair: James Rabe, City of Oshkosh
Phosphorus Grant Committee Chair: Jessica Beckendorf, City of Menasha
I & E Committee Chair: Tracy Flucke, Town of Harrison
Tools & Resources Chair: Janet Sosnosky, City of Manitowoc
Council Member at Large: Keith Marquardt, Winnebago County
Council Member at Large: vacant

There was a motion by Sue Olson and seconded by Jessica Beckendorf to nominate Nick Vande Hey for council member at large. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a motion by Alan Davis and seconded by Jeff Elrick to close nominations and elect those named. Motion passed unanimously.

- V. IDDE – discussion of experiences:** Matt H. reviewed his experience with initial field screenings and asked if others had any experience, comments, and/or questions. Alan Davis stated that they had hired OMNNI to conduct their field screening. Sue Olson also hired OMNNI and shared some of her experiences. It was also discussed that if anyone needs clarification on major outfalls they should contact Peter S. or DNR.
- VI. 2009 Full Membership Meetings:** Members reviewed the proposed future meeting dates: February 9, May 11, August 11, and November 9, 2009. Insight Creative Services will be at the next meeting on February 9, 2009.
- VII. Other Items:** It was announced that the Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance Spring Conference will be March 25 & 26, 2009.

NR 528 is proposing that pond sediment be treated as a bio-solid. James Rabe will oversee and review the proposal. Members need to review document and make comments. Comments can be passed to James R. or submitted by the individual.

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities and Wisconsin Alliance of Cities are concerned about the costs of complying with storm water mandates. Members discussed the topic and if it was decided that documents from the League would be put on the website.

There was also some discussion between members and Dan Helf about “good faith efforts” and if storm water requirements are not met.

There was a motion by Matt Heckenlaible and seconded by Peter Schlein to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 PM. Motion passed unanimously.