

Northeast Wisconsin Stormwater Consortium (NEWSC)
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2009 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Grand Chute Town Hall



Attendees: Nick VandeHey, Sue Olson, Tracy Flucke, Dick Flynn, Kelly Mattfield, Jeremy Freund, Amy Spears, Dan Helf, John Neumeier, Craig Barndt, George Dearburn, Scott Ahl, Lee Schley, Bob Schmeiehel, Dean Schiller, Jeff Elrick, Susan Kenny, Dave Dexter, Angela Gorall, Tim Roach, Ryan VanCamp, Keith Marquardt, Dean Kaderabek, Jan DeKeyser, Glenn Winkler, Brian Olesen, Sean Hutchison, Tim Marquardt, Patrick Kuehl, Brian Wayner, Steven Arndt, Bill Balke, Greg Minikel, Kendra Axness, Carrie Murphy-Auguston, Dave Johnson, Jeff Mazanec, Ted Rohloff, James Rabe, Scott Brosteau, Peter Schleinz, Matthew Heckenlaible, Sam Tobias

1. **Welcome and introductions –**
Welcome by Peter Schleinz, Chair. Everyone introduced themselves. No special guests.
 - a. Special Announcements - none
2. **Review and Approve May 11, 2009 NEWSC Consortium meeting minutes.**
Discussed changes to the minutes. Motion to approve with corrections by Sue Olson, Second by Nick VandeHey. Motion passed.
3. **Financial Report**
Discussed Financial Report handout from Nick Waldschmidt. There is no proposed increase in NEWSC dues for 2010 membership. There is \$16,000 left to spend in the WDNR Phosphorus Grant. No further discussion as such placed on file.
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Information & Education – Next meeting is September 14
 - i. Co-Chair Tracy Flucke, Town of Harrison
 - ii. Co-Chair Dean Schiller, Town of GreenvilleWorking on booth for trade shows. Pictures are needed and should be emailed to Tracy at TFluke@townofharrison.org. Also writing grants for the 2010 survey. Two committee members will attend grant training workshops in August.
 - b. Tools & Resources – Next meeting is August 24, 10:00a-12:00p at Martenson & Eisele Inc
 - i. Chair-Janet Sosnosky, City of Manitowoc
 - ii. Co-Chair Dick Flynn, City of WaupunNote that the committee is now meeting at the offices of Martenson & Eisele. The At Home de-icer information is now on the website. Starting to work on the Construction Site portion of the website. Photos are needed and should be emailed to Dick Flynn. Requested the Erosion Control Committee to provide any information they would like to see on this portion of the website.
 - c. Erosion Control – Next meeting is TBD, 1:00p-3:00p at McMahon Associate
 - i. Chair James Rabe, City of OshkoshThe next meeting has not yet been scheduled. The updated Reference Guide should be on the website for review and reflect modifications to WDNR Technical Standards. The Operation and Maintenance Guides for BMP Owners are about 90% complete and should be ready for the November full membership meeting.
 - d. Illicit Discharge – Next meeting is August 24, 1:30p-3:30p at OMNNI & Associates
 - i. Chair Sue Olson, City of AppletonAll information completed for Carpet Cleaners, Pools and Spas, Concrete Truck Washout, and the IDDE Door Hang Tag should all be on the website and ready for use. Committee is currently working on stormwater management information for restaurants, including dumpster management, and power washing.
5. **Update regarding hiring of NEWSC Coordinator**

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Diana resigned as the NEWSC Coordinator in June. A subcommittee was assigned to find a replacement. Six interviews were held. The selected candidate turned down the position after a series of offers/counteroffers. The subcommittee will continue the search. Any members that know of someone interested in the position should have them contact Sue Olson at the City of Appleton.

6. VHBA Homefest Trade Show on October 2-4, Time Warner cable Field at Fox Cities Stadium

The NEWSC I & E Committee has signed up for a booth at the trade show. A sign up sheet was sent around for members to work the booth in four hour shifts. Pictures for the booth display are still needed. The booth will be located in the "quality of life" concourse area with other non-profits and cost for the booth was a special rate of \$50. Still determining if there is entrance fee for volunteers staffing the booth. The show is expecting 10,000 people and is targeting homeowners.

7. Reminder: Products available for member usage

Peter reminded everyone that the Green Hair Wigs are available for anyone willing to wear them at an event. Also, the Municipal Storm Water Pollution Prevention employee training CD packet is available. Two of the other training CD's are missing. If anyone has them please contact Peter Schlein.

8. IDDE Interactive PowerPoint demonstration, next training sections

Matt Heckenlaible provided a power point presentation of the next six IDDE scenarios that can be used for staff training. The power point will be placed on the website as soon as possible for download and use.

9. On-going Field Screening program demonstration

Brian Wayner from OMNNI gave a power point presentation from a meeting with the WDNR regarding the outline of the On-Going Field Screening Program, as required in the MS4 permit. Brian also discussed safety and procedures for using the field test kits in regard to chloroform, including proper disposal of the chemical. WDNR suggested keeping a record of disposal locations in case any questions arise in the future.

10. Consortium public input discussion topics

- a. CBSM Topic – Kendra Axness provided a handout and a brief discussion of Community Based Social Marketing and past training on this topic for NEWSC members. Four breakout groups discussed the handout and came up with five ideas of what topics should be addressed next by the I & E Committee, focusing on topics that have a high probability of being adopted by people as new behaviors and have a significant impact to the watershed.
- b. Web Conferencing capabilities and usage – Dick Flynn discussed a June 30 web conferencing test done by the T & R Committee. It seemed to work well. Documents can be shared and different users can control the screen. Up to 15 guests can be on-line at a time. It costs about \$50 per month for unlimited minutes. The license must reside on one computer and each call into a conference is long distance. If you have head phones for your computer you would not need to make the long distance call. There is a contract requirement. Discussed use for emergencies for meetings and for training. This is not a substitute for attending meetings.

11. DNR News and Discussion Topics

- a. Follow-up regarding 2008 annual reports and membership weaknesses

All communities should have received comment letters on their 2008 Annual Reports. NEWSC member reports were better than non-member reports. DNR staff met to discuss the reports in an effort to provide consistent comments. Any topics that members would like NEWSC to help with should be given to Peter Schlein.

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b. Preparations for changes with 2010 Census

DNR does not expect much change to the urbanized area boundaries from the 2010 census in the Northeast Region.

c. Updates for NR 216 and NR 151

DNR staff did not know when NR 151 would go to the Board of Natural Resources. We can look at pages 44-47 of the current draft to review proposed changes to the rule regarding the 40% goal. NR 216 will be opened in January because that is when DNR will be taking over responsibilities from the Department of Commerce.

d. A significant number of the DNR Urban Planning and Construction grants will be coming to the Northeast Region. Also, many stimulus funding projects have also been granted to the area.

12. Updates

a. Biofilter research project update

Nick VandeHey gave a power point presentation of the biofilter research project, including the construction of the biofilters and the installation of the monitoring devices. The instruments are being calibrated and data will start being collected soon. The engineered soil in the biofilters is 50% sand and 50% compost, with no topsoil.

b. Phosphorous regulations update

The next meeting for the advisory group is August 18. So far the regulation seems to focus on Wastewater Treatment Plants. The impacts to stormwater are unclear at this point.

c. TMDL Update

The TMDL group met in June. The DNR and their contractor have decided not to use any SLAMM modeling information for the urban areas, but rather re-calibrate the SWAT model for urban areas. The SWAT model is designed for agricultural modeling. The next meeting might be in September.

13. Next 2009 Full Membership Meeting -- Monday November 9, 2:00p-4:00p at Grand Chute Town Hall

14. Other Items

Sue Olson mentioned that Amy Rogoff, the FWWA/NEWSC Office Manager, has the NEWSC phone and is checking for messages. Please call if you need something. Also, on October 14, 2009 at the Paper Valley in Appleton there will be a Stormwater Workshop sponsored by the League of Municipalities from 9 to noon as part of their annual meeting. Attorney Paul Kent and Jim Bachhuber from AECOM will be part of the workshop. Contact Sue Olson if you have any topics you would like covered.

15. Adjourn

3:40 pm motion to adjourn by James Rabe, Second by Tracy Fluke. Motion passed.

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