



HAMILTON COUNTY WELLHEAD PROTECTION LOCAL PLANNING TEAM MINUTES



Conference Room 1A – Hamilton County Judicial Building

January 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order Tuesday January 14, 2020 at 2:05 PM.

Those present were as follows: Mr. Kenton Ward, Hamilton County Surveyor; Mr. Gary Duncan, Hamilton County Surveyor's Office; Mr. John Havard, Citizens; Ms. Jaimie Foreman, City of Carmel; Ms. Morgan Bennett, Hamilton County Health Department; Mr. Matt Fearon, Hamilton County EMA; Mr. Tim Stottlemeyer, City of Noblesville; Katie Jamnska, Indiana American Water; and Matt Bickel, City of Carmel.

Minutes of April 16, 2019:

There were no changes made. Foreman made the motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2019, seconded by Bennett and approved.

Minutes of October 15, 2019:

There were no changes made. Foreman made the motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2019, seconded by Bennett and approved.

Community Updates:

Hamilton County EMA – Fearon stated I was sent out on a spill of approximately 90 gallons of fuel, but it kept getting downgraded until it got to 25 gallons.

Havard asked how did EMA go about doing the communication for the boil water alert?

Fearon stated Booker spoke to the director who sent out a map, so we pushed that out on social media and I sent out internal alerts.

Ward stated there was a ruptured sanitary sewer force main in Fishers at 106th Street or 116th Street. It was Hamilton Southeastern Utilities on Friday. The force main entered Mud Creek and we just heard about it this morning. I don't think they've contacted EMA and they have not contacted IDEM yet. They got it taken care of yesterday, but there was a discharge into Mud Creek. Once I get the facts, I'd like to sit down with EMA and get IDEM's take on it too.

Foreman asked did you overlay where the incident occurred to the Wellhead Protection Map to see if falls within someone's Wellhead Protection area?

Ward stated it doesn't in Hamilton County, but it could in Marion County. The one thing I was worried about more was Citizen's intake because Mud Creek enters Fall Creek just south of the dam and then downstream of that is the intake off of Fall Creek Boulevard.

Noblesville – Stottlemeyer stated administration is new.

Carmel – Foreman stated I went out and took some pictures with all the excess water in the wellfields, specifically where IFA contractor has different equipment out for the study for Central Indiana. The preliminary report should be out sometime this year.

Discussion – Workshop & Tabletop Exercise:

Foreman stated last year Travis Goodwin with IDEM’s Drinking Water and Wastewater Grant said USEPA wanted to host an exercise in the State of Indiana. The location is at Citizens in Indianapolis on February 5, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Community Updates (Continued):

Indianapolis/Harbour Water – Havard stated EPA has come up with an inventory of all the boat launch sites into the White River in case of a spill.

Indiana American Water – Jamnska stated I’ll cover Noblesville and Kirk (Kuroiwa) will cover Sheridan.

Ward asked when is the order to boil water going to be lifted?

Jamnska stated I’m not sure what time we got the samples taken so we have to take a number of bacteria samples throughout the distribution system. I believe we took them to Muncie so we could run an 18-hour bacteria test on it.

Ward asked how did the incident happen?

Jamnska stated I haven’t heard that, but we have a meeting tomorrow where they’re going to talk more about it. I heard it was an equipment malfunction at the plant, so we lost pressure.

Ward asked at the new plant or the one on Edith Avenue?

Jamnska stated it looks like it was the White River North Water Treatment Plant.

Open Discussion:

Foreman stated after reading the April minutes I saw that you (Kent) took over the ESF3 position for Public Works.

Ward stated yes, I’ve done that for a long time.

Foreman asked and you’re looking at different shifts for that?

Ward stated yes.

Foreman asked did you find the people to help assist with those shifts?

Ward stated not yet. We are going to be doing an update on call trees, so we’ll probably be getting ahold of you.

Committee Reports:

Education/Funding – Ward stated we have an opening for funding and education. Would Jamnska be interested?

Jamnska stated sure.

Bickel stated I can help out.

Stottlemyer stated the Stormwater MS4’s have a very strong public ed that is all about water protection. I can be a point of contact for that.

Presentation Ideas:

Ward asked does anyone have ideas for presentations?

Foreman stated I would get ahold of Sarah Hudson with IFA (Indiana Finance Authority) since we're in Central Indiana and since the study is talking about water availability and growth to see if either her group or INTERA would be willing to give a presentation. I can email you her contact information.

Ward stated I think we had someone here from IFA in 2018, but we'll contact Sarah and see what she can come up with. John (Havard) did one in October on the new Geist addition.

Jamnska stated we could do something with USDA because they're promoting a lot of source water protection with farmers who live in a wellhead area.

Bennett stated Soil & Water is going to do a water fair. It's water quality in general to get information out to people.

Legislation:

Foreman stated Senate Bill No. 73 is about contaminations to source waters. Senate Bill No. 130 is about residential sewer discharge and in reading they believe the focus initially was to target Allen County, but the way it reads right now it would be counties with population between 300,000 and 400,000.

Bennett stated Allen County has been permitted to do septic systems for several years and they're trying to make it so it could be allowed to basically if it's too cost prohibitive to fix your septic system we could allow them to discharge with a permit.

Foreman stated it's more Allen County that want's this Senate Bill but putting the number on it draws in more counties.

Ward asked who was the author on Senate Bill No. 73?

Foreman stated Senator Tomes was the author of Senate Bill 73 and Senator Kruse was the author for Senate Bill No. 130.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date is set for April 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Judicial Building.

Kenton C. Ward, CFM
Hamilton County Surveyor

ATTEST: _____
Executive Secretary