

# HAMILTON COUNTY STORM WATER STEERING COMMITTEE

Wednesday February 15, 2012

1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 PM Wednesday, February 15, 2012. Those present were as follows: Ms. Christie Kallio, Hamilton County Surveyor's Office; Mr. Pat Comer, Town of Cicero; Mr. Harry Nikides, City of Westfield; Mr. Tim Stottlemeyer, City of Noblesville; Mr. Charles Kiphart, Hamilton County Planning Commission; Mr. Bill Frye, Hamilton County Airport Authority; Mr. Chris Stice, Hamilton County Parks Department; Mr. Gavin Merriman, Town of Zionsville; and Mr. John Thomas, City of Carmel.

## **Review of Minutes of November 9, 2011:**

There were no changes made. Comer made the motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2011, seconded by Kiphart and approved.

## **Community Updates:**

Cicero – Comer stated that Cicero has four housing additions and only one is building again.

Noblesville – Stottlemeyer stated that public education is going well. Our goal is to bring Project WET training to the region and get teachers interested so we can have a local workshop. Steady construction projects are coming through. We'll be starting our annual public works training.

Westfield – Nikides stated that the Little Eagle Creek Stormwater Arm is fully installed for Grand Park. BMP's on construction sites have been difficult with the wet and mild winter. We've issued violation letters in the last few weeks. The US 31 project is looking to accelerate the Westfield portion of the project.

Hamilton County Airport Authority – Frye stated that the airport had a lot of traffic during the Super Bowl weekend. We put in facilities for collecting the deicing runoff.

Hamilton County – Kallio stated that the County hired Heather with Burke Engineers to do a mock audit since I wasn't present during the first audit. We went through all of the materials that would be requested of us. I'll be getting with all the County Departments for their materials that will be requested for the audit.

Carmel – Thomas stated that the City is focusing back on the IDDE due to the upcoming audit. We're halfway through our follow up screening. We have over 350 flowing outfalls including the County's outfalls.

Zionsville – Merriman stated that one reason he came was that the IDDE issue is on the forefront right now with the upcoming audit. We're in the same boat as Hamilton County where there is some cloudiness in terms of the Rule. We've had conversations recently in terms of interpreting the rule on what we need to monitor.

**IDDE Requirements:**

Kallio stated that in speaking with Heather, Hamilton County is not the only one having this problem. There are other areas that have regulated drains that are now annexed into another MS4. I was told that our regulated drain outfalls, once annexed, would then be monitored by the MS4 of the other municipality. We've had a lot of annexations. As I was starting to disseminate the information that we have mapped and initially monitored that Woolpert had done I started to get a little bit of kickback because as I read the statute, you are responsible for the conveyance systems that you maintain in your MS4. Hamilton County is maintaining the regulated drains even if they're in another MS4. I see that this portion of the Code has a conflict and in asking Heather she felt that the entity maintaining the pipe or outfall is the one that is responsible for the outfall monitoring. If that's the case I need that in writing from Reggie because what was once 20 to 30 outfalls now becomes hundreds of outfalls. If that's the case what is my timing to get those all updated. Heather has not heard back from Reggie. I spoke with Kent (Ward) and he wanted me to let you know that the County is on hold waiting for IDEM to give the ruling and then we'll follow the procedure and work with each of the MS4s whether we have to update the monitoring in another MS4 because we maintain the pipe or do we transfer those outfalls to the MS4.

Merriman stated that Reggie didn't speak to whether or not that responsibility falls back to Boone County, but the difference with Boone County is that they're not an MS4 so they don't have to implement a Stormwater Quality Management Program and they don't have Rule 13 requirements, whereas Hamilton County is. If we're not screening the outfalls, nobody is. When these annexations happen they're basing whether or not somebody designated as an MS4 based upon their urbanized area. It's cloudy more so if they're annexed, but they still control the MS4 even though it's annexed.

Kallio stated that she didn't think IDEM anticipated the issue of having a regulated drain in another municipality. Maybe they assumed the pipes would follow and be conveyed to the MS4. There are other counties that are asking this question also. It was my understanding that we had so many years to map and screen the outfalls and that time period is coming up, is that correct?

Stottlemeyer stated that by the end of this second permit term you need to have whatever was in your plan executed, which is the fall of 2013.

Merriman stated that this is more cloudiness in the Rule too because doesn't the language say during your first permit term you're doing the 12" or 24" and above screening and then it says you're suppose to do the remaining in subsequent permit terms; how many subsequent permit terms; it's all about your plan.

Stottlemeyer stated that your plan may be ambiguous or it may be specific. We thought that while we go out and do the outfall mapping we'd just knock it out during the second permit term and be done with it and sort out the data on which ones are truly regulated under the Rule for screening.

Kallio stated that she is hopeful that IDEM will give us a ruling so we can get ready for our audit and get a plan in place for monitoring.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting was schedule for May 23, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned

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Kenton C. Ward, CFM  
Hamilton County Surveyor

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Executive Secretary