

MARION COUNTY
MARION WATER QUALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MWQAC MEETING

October 16, 2019
5:30 PM

Willamette Conference Room
5155 Silverton Rd NE
Salem, OR 97305

PRESENT: **Members:** Andrew Schmidt, Brent Stevenson, Mark Grenz, Brenda Sanchez, Rebecca McCoun, Zach Diehl
 Staff: Matt Knudsen, Kaileigh Westermann-Lewis, Brian May, Stephanie Rosentrater

ABSENT: Richard Walker, Rick Massey

Action – Approval of Minutes

The July 24, 2019 minutes did not list Zachary Diehl as absent or present. Mark motioned to approve the July 24, 2019 meeting minutes with appropriate amendments. Brenda seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. The July 24, 2019 minutes are approved, pending amendments.

Permit Progress Report

Kaileigh explained that she has been diligently working on the Stormwater Management Plan and slowly accomplishing things needed to meet permit deadline. Construction erosion and post construction standards are the areas where we will need to make the most progress. Kaileigh has been meeting with the county's Land Development Engineering and Permits (LDEP) division to inform them what needs to be done and work together to come up with a permanent set of standards. The current standards are interim standards from 2012 which were never officially adopted. They're looking at how to make the process easier for developers, which includes looking at the City of Salem's standards and possibly replicating them. This will especially make things easier in East Salem. Kaileigh hopes to have more concrete standards by the next meeting.

Stormwater Management Plan

The Committee was sent the draft stormwater management plan ahead of the meeting. Kaileigh passed out supplementary documents, which show all the phases of the permit and what needs to be done year by year. The first year is for laying the groundwork. Every year, education and outreach requirements are the same, so that will be listed in every year.

Mark commented that the Homebuilders Association is not entirely satisfied with the City of Salem's standards. The City and the Homebuilders Association are actually meeting to discuss changes later in the month.

Kaileigh replied that LDEP compared the City of Salem, the City of Keizer, and ODOT's standards and tried to figure out which one was going to meet our needs in terms of the permit. The City of Salem seemed to be the closest, but this feedback from people in the industry is critical when making these kind of changes.

Brenda was confused about where "dry weather monitoring" was listed in the draft stormwater management plan. Kaileigh clarified that the draft plan is a direct reflection of the permit. Everything

that she has listed is something that is called out in that specific section in the permit. Dry weather monitoring is listed under illicit discharge in the permit, so that is where Kaileigh inserted it into the Stormwater Management Plan.

Brent wanted to know why the GIS portion is so far out, in 2022. Kaileigh explained that 2022 is the due date for all of the GIS requirements, but that there are sections throughout the entire plan that include adding to GIS. A little bit of work will be done each year, with the GIS requirements being fully met by 2022. Kaileigh mapped out the five-year plan based on priority need and also to coordinate efforts for efficiency. Since 90% of the system assets are already in GIS, it isn't as high of a priority

Mark motioned to approve the Stormwater Management Plan as presented. Brenda seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous. The Stormwater Management Plan is approved. Any future modifications will be brought back to the Committee to review for approval.

Activity

Kaileigh is looking for feedback on specific programs to help the County meet permit requirements. The committee was split into two groups and asked to brainstorm ideas on two different categories. The first was Outreach & Education and Illicit Discharge and the second was Construction/Post-Construction something. Half way through, the groups switched to give feedback on the other set of topics.

See the attached sheet for results.

Bylaws

Andrew read each section of the bylaws and asked if there were any suggested changes.

There has been some talk in the past of removing the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District, due to their not wanting to be a part of the Committee. It would need to be replaced with a representative from a different stakeholder group or another member-at-large position.

It was suggested that the appointment process goes as follows: the prospective member attends a meeting and meets staff and the Committee, and then submits an application, after which the recommendation is forwarded on to the Board of Commissioners. This is only for members-at-large.

Next Meeting

Andrew wanted to know if the Committee is interested in setting up a recurring meeting date. Matt informed him that we tried that earlier in the year, but couldn't find a good recurring date. For now, we will continue to go with Doodle Polls, though we'll try to schedule two at a time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21