



**MARION COUNTY WATER QUALITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 3, 2021 @ 5:30 pm
Virtual meeting via WebEx

PRESENT: Members: Zach Diehl, Gary White, Brenda Sanchez, Brent Stevenson,
Rebecca McCoun, Richard Walker, Mark Grenz,
Staff: Matt Knudsen, Alex Wade, Elizabeth Parker, Pattie Phillips, Max
Hepburn
Guests: None

ABSENT: Rick Massey

QUORUM: Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE (Information/Discussion/Action)

Zach called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

Member and Staff introductions: Done

Public Input: None

Action: **Motion:** Brent made a motion to approve minutes as corrected.
Marty seconded.

Discussion: Corrections for minutes: Brenda Sanchez was not at last meeting. Mark Grenz was at the meeting.

Result: A voice vote was unanimous – motion passed with corrections.

Vice-Chair Nominations: When Zach moved into the chair position there was no vice chair nominated or voted in. The vice-chair must be a member at large and only three people were eligible. The committee can vote in a vice-chair.
Richard Walker volunteered to be vice-chair.

Motion: To approve nomination of Richard Walker as vice-chair. Mark made the motion. Brent seconded.

Discussion: None.

Result: A voice vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Zach left the meeting.

Detention Standards:

Matt shared that in the past there was discussion about detention standards that do not promote the maintenance for development by the county. Matt invited Max Hepburn, an engineer for the county, to answer questions. Elizabeth Parker had previously sent out the detention standards to all of the committee members.

Max shared that the county's detention standards apply to development that ultimately connects to the public right of way in county jurisdiction. The county's trigger for requiring detention on a project is if there is half an acre of development on a property. Unfortunately, it is not clear on what the county considers development so they have interpreted it as having to have impervious surfaces. There is no mention of maintenance of the facilities in any capacity in the detention standards, so the county works with the idea that since detention facilities are on private property, then it is the responsibility of the property owner. Stormwater quality treatment is approached from an operational, MS4 permit compliant perspective with consideration for long-term maintenance. The county's responsibility for stormwater quality treatment is only within the MS4 permitted area, identified as the stormwater management area. In this area DEQ has set the treatment standards that the county is required to comply with. The detention standards are countywide so there has not been a separate interpretation, or set of detention standards, that are used exclusively inside the stormwater management area. The county maintains those stormwater quality treatment facilities within the MS4 permitted areas that meet the 2012 adopted Engineering Standards for Water Quality Treatment. Detention standards are a different thing entirely.

Discussion continued in regards to if the county would maintain a combined treatment and stormwater facility. An example would be a new subdivision on multiple tracts which might have a pond that provides water treatment on the bottom portion and stormwater overflow on the upper portion. Matt thought that if there was an obvious separation between operation and maintenance than having the county maintain the pond might not be an issue. He went on to say that, he thought that while property owners are ultimately responsible for the maintenance of their property, but that the county has some interest in making sure that detention standards are maintained and functioning appropriately.

Matt suggested that the advisory committee might want to focus on outlining the current strategy from within and without the stormwater management area. This could help provide an overview and perspective. He asked the committee to email the chair, vice-chair or himself with

ideas for the next meeting. Matt suggested that the next meetings be in September, October and November and then see what happens after that. We will use a Doodle poll to see to find out what works best for the committee for September.

Richard closed the detention standards discussion.

FUTURE TOPICS / EMERGING ISSUES / OTHER BUSINESS

Bring back Detention Standards as needed in future meeting.

Public Comment: None

Other Business: None

Adjourn: Richard adjourned the meeting at 6:25.

Next Meeting: TBD. Doodle poll in September for best date/times.