

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

Hampstead * Manchester * Mt. Airy * New Windsor
Carroll County Health Department



* Sykesville * Taneytown * Union Bridge * Westminster
Carroll County Government

WRCC Meeting Summary

March 22, 2023

Attendees:

Municipalities:

- Kevin Hann, Chair
- Jim Wieprecht, Vice Chair
- John Dick
- Gary Dye
- Delbert Greene
- Mayor Perry Jones
- Rodney Kuhns
- Alex Perricone
- Kevin Rubenstein
- Dick Swanson
- Delbert Green

CC Land & Resource

Management (LRM):

- Brenda Dinne
- Glenn Edwards
- Chris Heyn, Director
- Claire Hirt
- Byron Madigan
- Kelly Martin
- Denise Mathias
- Zach Neal
- Janet O'Meara
- Ed Singer
- Pat Varga
- Chad Wasileski

Health Department:

- Richard Brace

CCG Others:

- Andy Watcher, CC DPW
- Lydia Rogers, CC M&B
- Bryan Bokey, CC DPW, Director
- Lynda Eisenberg, CC Planning, Director

Guest Speakers:

- Aaron Fisher, EM, Inc.

Others:

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1. Opening Statement

Chair – Kevin Hann

Mr. Hann opened the meeting at 2:29 PM.

Chair Hann noted that the date for the annual stormwater tour is Friday, May 5, 2023.

Vice Chair – Jim Wieprecht

Nothing additional.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary – February 22, 2023

Approval of the January meeting summary was discussed. No changes were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Alex Perricone and seconded by Delbert Green to approve the February 22, 2023, meeting summary as written. Motion carried.

3. PaveDrain Permeable Pavement – Aaron Fisher, EM, Inc.

- Dr. Aaron Fisher, VP of Business Development for Ernest Maier, shared information about the permeable concrete articulating blocks the company offers as a stormwater management option for pavement. He showed examples through pictures where the system has been used elsewhere, described how the pavement blocks work for stormwater management, and provided information on maintenance.

Reference/Attachment:

- PowerPoint: *Permeable Articulating Concrete Blocks (P-ACB) for Stormwater Management*

- Brochure: *PaveDrain Stormwater's Arch Enemy*

4. Water Resources Element (WRE 2024) Update – Brenda Dinne

- Ms. Dinne updated on the status of Hazen's work on the WRE update. indicated that a draft technical memo for Task 1: BLI (Buildable Land Inventory) automation is expected from Hazen on March 31. She shared that Hazen is currently evaluating information related to Task 2: Groundwater Allocability and has begun to collect and evaluate information regarding Task 3: Emerging Contaminants as well. A PFAS Technical Workshop is scheduled with Hazen and the appropriate technical staff on the team for April 24.
- LRM GIS staff completed the annual rerun of the BLI model. They are currently updating the tables with the new information. Once that is completed, Ms. Dinne will add the demand info to the capacity management plan worksheets.

Reference/Attachment:

- N/A

5. Municipal Stormwater Projects Update – Janet O'Meara

Janet O'Meara provided an update on the municipal stormwater restoration projects. A letter of support will be requested from the Town of Hampstead for the Roberts Field Restoration Project.

Reference/Attachment:

- Handout: *Municipal Project Status*

6. Other

- Lead & Copper Rule: MDE's deadline for submission by the municipalities of the required information is October 2024. This is a topic raised by the municipalities at the February 2023 meeting. Kevin Hann asked for the municipalities' preference on a future speaker that might be most helpful for them. MDE's contact, Christina Ardito, will be invited to speak.
- Legislative Update: Ms. Dinne updated the members on the status of proposed legislation in the Maryland General Assembly that might impact water, sewer, or stormwater for the municipalities. Most of the bills did not pass out of the original committee, and are, therefore, unlikely to pass. SB 225 regarding PFAS monitoring for publicly owned treatment works received an unfavorable report and is dead. SB 380/HB 538 (water affordability assistance), SB 407/HB 848 (potable reuse pilot program), SB 471/HB 607 (stormwater associated with construction activity), and HB 624 (water notification requirements) have passed in their chamber of origin and are awaiting hearing in the opposite chamber's committee. The bill regarding forest preservation and retention (SB 526/HB 723), which is not shown on the table, has not moved out of either committee. Amendments were proposed late on the crossover deadline, but no action has occurred. This bill may be back next year after the sponsors have had more time to work on it.
- Floodplain: Chris Heyn shared that MDE will be reviewing the County's floodplain ordinance/management program on April 12 and 13, 2023. As part of the A-StoRM initiative, MDE is interested in looking at flooding issues holistically and is investigating how we might work together to solve problems. MDE also requested the LRM staff set aside April 14 to discuss stormwater.
- CC Department of Public Works: Bryan Bokey shared that they are meeting with Westminster on March 24 about water allocation issues. He also shared that they are currently working on building their relationship with Baltimore City.
- Water & Sewer Master Plan Triennial Update: Lynda Eisenberg noted they are in the middle of the Triennial Update. Price Wagoner will be reaching out to the municipalities to review their

maps. Department of Planning will not be processing spring amendments this year due to the Triennial Update.

- **Litter Clean-Up Requirement:** Claire Hirt reminded everyone to be tracking litter clean up for the NPDES MS4 permit. In early April, she will try to gage where we are in meeting our litter collection requirement. If this is something the municipalities could report to Ms. Hirt monthly, it could be an interesting metric to report to the WRCC monthly.
- **Well Databases:** Zach Neal shared that he is working on getting a project started to survey the wells to obtain more accurate location data. This will also help with code compliance.
- **Hydrologic Update:** Mr. Neal reported that well levels overall are generally in the normal range. Two wells are starting to stress, but more rain is expected this month.
- **Sprinkler Fees:** Mr. Neal shared that MDE is reevaluating on this issue and wants to talk to anyone who is willing.
- **Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO):** Glenn Edwards mentioned that EPA wants to be sure all are reporting any SSOs. He will contact the municipalities to follow up.
- **Stormwater Tour:** The tour will be held on Friday, May 5, this year, with a rain date of Friday, May 12. The tour will likely be abbreviated this year due to the number of projects actually completed since the last tour.
- **Environmental Stewardship Booklet:** Brenda Dinne noted the Environmental Advisory Council is updating the booklet this year. She will send an email requesting for each municipality to share the number of properties on originally on septic that were connected to public sewer in 2021 and 2022.
- **Community Solar in Agricultural Zone Moratorium:** On March 9, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a 6-month moratorium on the processing, review, permitting, and construction of community solar energy generating systems (CSEGS) in the Agricultural Zone in Carroll County to allow staff time to review issues and propose changes to the Code to address them. Staff will request direction from the Board on March 23, 2023.

Reference/Attachment:

- Handout: *WRCC Legislative Update (2023-Mar-22)*

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:41 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 2:30 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Dick Swanson and seconded by Mayor Perry Jones to adjourn the March 22, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ☐ *Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, April 26, 2023*