

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 15, 2004

Members Present:

Bruce Bond
Randy Eifert
Caroline Gosse
John Hodsdon
Bonnie Ireland
Peter Miller
Daniel Moore
Nate Torr
Bob Vogler

Staff Present:

Jacquie Colburn
John Edgar
Bob Hill
Jennifer Palmiotto

Bruce Bond called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

The minutes of the 9/1/04 boat tour of Lake Waukegan were approved as amended.

Jennifer reported on the status of the surveys. Still need 16 more surveys to get the 100 surveys needed for the Lake Waukegan area. Still need many more to get the 68 needed for the Lake Winona area. However the numbers needed for the Lake Winona area may have to be adjusted downward considering that many of the lots on the lake are vacant property.

The remainder of the meeting was spent on a framework process that identifies the Potential Sources of Contamination (PSCs), evaluates them and identifies any Regulatory Authorities that may already be in place. These handouts were distributed:

1. List of PSCs
2. Step 1 of the framework process with an Agricultural Land Use example.
3. Step 2 of the framework process with an Agricultural Land Use example.
4. Step 3 of the framework process with an Agricultural Land Use example.
5. One page Potential Contaminants/Land Use Considerations chart.

John Edgar prefaced the framework discussion indicating that he felt that the Waukegan watershed analysis needed to be done in sub-watershed areas. He showed a Waukegan Watershed map created by Rick Van de Poll showing the types of erodable soils.

Jennifer led the discussion reviewing the List of PSC handout. The discussion resulted in adding several activities and concerns to the list.

Jennifer then led the discussion of the three step framework process that is being proposed to be used to identify the PSCs, evaluate and prioritize them. She went through the example analysis that was drafted for Agricultural Land Use. She suggested that the committee divide into groups with each group making a first pass at filling out the framework for the land use/activity assigned to them. The documents we have in the binders prepared for this committee especially the NHDES "Best Management Practices to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution – A Guide for Citizens and Town Officials January

2004” and the “Source Protection - A National Guidance Manual for Surface Water Supplies 2000” would be used as a primary resource for the evaluation.

Some members expressed concern that this seemed to be a huge, daunting task that required more time than we had to complete. There was a discussion to see if there might be an easier way to identify the major PSCs and determine plan to address them. It was asked if there are any existing watershed plans that we may be able to use as a model. Jennifer and Jacquie said none with our watershed’s characteristics. The conclusion of this discussion was that we should give this framework process a chance and that in the process we would all become more cognizant of the issues and resources of information.

Bruce, Jennifer, Jacquie and John will be sending out the assignments for the committee to work on the three step framework process. Jen will send out an Excel worksheet form for the framework. The plan is for the groups to present their framework drafts at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.

Next meeting: September 29, 2004 at 7:00pm at the Meredith Annex Building.

Minutes submitted by Bob Vogler.

These Minutes approved as amended at the 9/29/04 meeting.