



**Middle Tallapoosa River Basin Clean Water Partnership
Stakeholder Committee Meeting
Alexander City-City Hall
November 15, 2016**

Attendees:

Sabrina Wood/ MTRBCWP
Ed Collari/ Alex City Chamber
Denise Walls/ LMAEDA
Dana Raughton/ CH2M
Don McClellan/ LMAEDA
Joanne Ninesling/ ASRT

Joseph Moncrief/ Tallapoosa County
Stanley Black/ Alex City Public Works
Steve Newton/ CH2M
John Thompson/ LMRA
Rick Smith/ ADPH
Gerard Brewer/ City of Alex City

This meeting of the Middle Tallapoosa Clean Water Partnership Stakeholder Committee was held on November 15, 2016 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. at City Hall in Alexander City, AL.

The notes of the meeting were recorded by Sabrina Wood, Coordinator- Middle Tallapoosa River Basin CWP.

Welcome and Introductions

Sabrina Wood welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

Review of last Meeting

Sabrina Wood read over the summary from the September 20th Stakeholder Meeting. There were no comments or changes.

Budget Report

Denise Walls gave the budget report that reflected the budget through November 15, 2016. She reported the latest expenses and deposits. Rick Smith made a motion to approve the budget. Gerard Brewer seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote, the budget was approved.

ROR Update/ new LMRA program

John Thompson updated the stakeholders on the recent ROR Lake Clean Up. He stated that the drought allowed volunteers to access areas of the lake that have not been cleaned before. Approximately 200 volunteers helped during the two day event. Volunteers had access to four dumpster locations and collected 600 bags/14 tons of trash.

Mr. Thompson also shared information about a new program that LMRA started in partnership with Alabama Power. The Treasured Mile Program allows individuals, groups, businesses or organizations to adopt a particular section of shoreline or an island. It works similarly to the Adopt a Mile Program. The shoreline is

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divided into 78 eligible segments and 26 islands. Areas will be adopted for 2 years and can be renewed. Marinas are designated as locations to pick up supplies and dispose of the collected garbage. LMRA's website has additional information.

Drought Presentation

Steve Newton with CH2M gave a detailed presentation on the current drought and its impact to the Middle Tallapoosa. He stated that at the time of the meeting, the state had been 58 consecutive days without measurable rainfall. This was a new record. The entire state is in some level of drought with 52% being in an extreme drought. Tallapoosa County is in an exceptional drought which is the most severe category. Mr. Newton added that Alabama has a Drought Management Plan and ADEM monitors water suppliers to insure they have measures and plans in place for drought situations. Alex City has 60,000 water users and has started implementing some of their emergency plans. Alex City is not in a current threat position. Their water source is plentiful at this time but they are having to draw from further into the lake.

Current/ Upcoming/ Past Projects

Sabrina Wood gave the following update on current, upcoming and past MTCWP projects.

Throw Away Day- After working through scheduling issues and location concerns, the next Throw Away Day event is scheduled for 1/9-1/10. The proposed dates for the year 2017 Throw Away Day Events will be on the 2nd Monday and Tuesday of the 1st month of each quarter. The dates are as follows: January 9-10, April 10-11, July 10-11 and October 9-10. The locations for the January event will be: D1=Courthouse Annex, D2=Double Bridges on Hwy 63, D3=District 3 Shop, D4=Camp Hill Town Hall, D5=District 5 Shop. The commissioners will decide on the next locations. The MTCWP suggested offering a site rotation for Districts 3, 4 and 5. Those districts cover more land area which makes it difficult to place the dumpsters in a central location to be convenient for the majority. Hopefully, the rotation will allow citizens throughout the county a convenient option for disposal of their large items. Commissioners will review the January event and make future plans at that time. The Middle Tallapoosa Clean Water Partnership will advertise Throw Away Day as a county program rather than event.

After sharing ADEM's Tire Disposal Program with Commissioner McKelvey, the Commission voted to begin the program. Once things are in place and the county becomes familiar with ADEM's guidelines, we can begin discussions for events open to the public.

Drug Take Back- Our last Drug Take Back was in October. It collected 175 pounds of medication.

Living Streams- Living Streams' activities within the schools had to be cancelled. There was no water in the creeks.

Smithsonian Water Ways Exhibit- Training for the Smithsonian Exhibit was the week of the Stakeholder Meeting. Main Street sent a representative. The dates the exhibit will be in Alex City are September 30-November 11, 2017.

Storm Drain Marking- Mrs. Wood is working on the plans for the Storm Drain Marking Project. She has classroom educational activities in line to incorporate with the campaign. This project will probably be pushed back until the summer because of the Business Breakfast.

Business Breakfast- The MTCWP's January Stakeholder Meeting on January 17, 2017 will be a Business Breakfast. The plan is to invite current, active stakeholders but also new businesses, organizations and

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individuals. Mrs. Wood plans to discuss the purpose of the CWP, goals and accomplishments. She requested contacts or suggestions that would help to make the event successful.

Stream Dream Project- Mrs. Wood reported that last month she helped the Radney School gifted program plant six cypress trees in the wetland area behind the Cancer Center at RMC. It had been an ongoing project that was funded through the MTCWP's project fund program. The trees along with live staking, which was completed last year, will hopefully slow down the storm water that rushes through the creek which flows behind the school. Mrs. Wood gave a special thanks to Gerard Brewer and his Public Works' guys who helped unload the trees and got them to the holes for planting.

Other Updates/Announcements/Discussions

With no other announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

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