



**Alabama Clean Water Partnership  
Tallapoosa River Basin Meeting  
October 6, 2016**

**Attendees:**

Sabrina Wood/ CWP	Jim Bearrentine/ ALDOT
Buddy Morgan/ CWP & MWWSSB	Richard Klinger/ ALDOT
Whitney Bell/ CDG Engineers	Eric Reutebuch/ AU Water Resources
Barry Morris/ Upper CWP	Lisa Deason/ City of Smiths Station
Alan McClure/ Russell County	Matt Tucker/ AFC
Joanne Ninesling/ ASRT	Michael Freeman/ Auburn University
Tom McCauley/ Auburn University	Justin Palmer/ ALDOT
Doug Darr/ AWF	Brian Lassiter/ ALDOT
George Conner/ ALDOT	Jeffrey Bender/ ALDOT

This meeting of the Tallapoosa River Basin Clean Water Partnership was held on October 6, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. The meeting began with a tour and demonstration at the AU-ESCTF BMP Test Facility in Opelika. Dr. Wesley Zech led the activities. The group finished the tour and demonstration and met at 11:00 at the Opelika Train Depot for lunch and to conclude the meeting.

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

**Welcome**

Chairman, Buddy Morgan, welcomed everyone to the second portion of the meeting.

**ACWP Update**

Buddy Morgan provided the members with an update on the ACWP. He shared that the ACWP did not accept ADEM's grant that has funded the Executive Director and Basin Facilitators in previous years. Only the river basins that have secured funding are in operation with facilitators. Those basins are the Tallapoosa, Alabama, Coastal and Conecuh/ Sepulga. The Executive Director position that Allison Jenkins left will not be filled. Montgomery Water Works and Sanitary Sewer Board funded the Tallapoosa Basin. Mr. Morgan expects there to be no disruption in the Tallapoosa. He plans for Mrs. Wood to focus on education and outreach.

Mrs. Wood shared a brief update on basin events.

Upper Tallapoosa- Shannon McGlynn and Mrs. Wood met with the Randolph Soil and Water Conservation District. They are on board to help the CWP with education and outreach efforts in Randolph County. Plans have been put on hold for the Little Tallapoosa 319 Project. NRCS and Soil and Water are not able to take on a project at this time. Their partnership will be key for future projects.

Middle Tallapoosa- The Tallapoosa County Commission has agreed to host quarterly Throw Away Day Events. They will provide dumpsters in each district to help discourage illegal dumping. The MTCWP also had plans for Living Streams activities throughout the county but the creeks are all dry. They will only do the classroom portion at this time.

Lower Tallapoosa- After a year of discussions and some quick fund raising, Tallassee 6<sup>th</sup> graders will attend the Elmore County Water Festival this fall. All other Elmore County schools attended in August.

Lastly, Mrs. Wood added that she recently spoke at the Kiwanis Club of Opelika Meeting. She stated that if any other stakeholders have groups that they feel need to know more about the CWP, to please let her know and she will try to coordinate a date to meet with them.

### **ALDOT Presentation**

Mr. George Conner, ALDOT Southeast Region Engineer, gave a presentation on ALDOT's new divisions. The lower Tallapoosa falls into the Southeast Region. Mr. Conner shared numerous contacts for our stakeholders if there is ever an issue that needs ALDOT's attention. Various scenarios were given to describe the types of problems that ALDOT should be contacted about. Mr. Conner shared the purpose of the regions and the web link for reporting problems or concerns.

With no other announcements, the meeting was adjourned.