



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 23rd, 2020 – 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Regional Design Center – 315 N. Main St.

ATTENDEES: Ian Linnabary, Rockford Park District Board; Jessica Bodell, Winnebago County; Tim Bragg, Rockford Park District; Scott Capovilla, City of Rockford; Ashley Sarver; Gary Anderson Architects; Todd Marshall, Winnebago County Health Department; Sean Von Bergen, Winnebago County Highway Department; Amanda Mehl, Boone County Health Department; Dan Kane, Boone County Conservation District; Tim Holdeman, Engineering Enterprises, Inc.; Harlan Johnson, NAACP; Brad Roos, 3M Group; Colin Belle, Sydney Turner, Jon Paul Diipla, Brandon Geber, Region 1 Planning Council.

1. INTRODUCTION

- a) **Call to Order:** Mr. Linnabary called the meeting to order at 4:04PM.
- b) **Attendee Introductions/Sign-in:** Ms. Mehl arrived at 4:05PM. Mr. Johnson arrived at 4:17PM.
- c) **Approval of November 21st, 2019 meeting minutes:** Upon review, Mr. Roos mentioned that in Update G, ‘Solar 4 All’ should be updated to “Solar for All”. Mr. Capovilla mentioned that in Update G, “Horseman Quarry” should be updated to “Horsman Quarry”.
Mr. Linnabary entertained a motion for approval with edits. First by Ms. Sarver. Second by Mr. Roos. Approval passes unanimously.

2. COMMITTEE ITEMS

- a) **Approved 2020 Calendar Year Meeting Schedule:** Mr. Linnabary presented the previously-approved 2020 Environmental Committee Meeting Schedule.

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September 17, 2020
November 19, 2020

- b) **Adoption of the 2019 Winnebago County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Mr. Belle announced that the plan has been approved on January 13th by FEMA. Mr. Von Bergen provided an overview of the approval process and is awaiting approval from other municipalities in the County.
- c) **South Fork Kent Creek Watershed Plan:** Mr. Belle provided an update on planning effort’s progress and future meeting dates. Region 1 Planning Council’s Allen Mills will be assisting with the plan’s development.
- d) **EPA Contaminant Concern over PFOA and PFOS:** Mr. Belle provided an updated over emerging contaminant concerns over PFOA and PFOS, as detailed by the US EPA and the Illinois Association of Groundwater Professionals. EPA and local groundwater chapters will be reviewing and potentially holding site visits.



- e) **3D Geologic Mapping and Groundwater Modeling:** Mr. Belle introduced a presentation by Mr. Kane. Mr. Kane presented on an ongoing initiative to study the region’s groundwater and regional concerns surrounding water quantity.

Mr. Linnabary asked what factors should be highlighted as the cause of degradation. Mr. Kane mentioned that there are multiple factors, including historic periods of rapid development in recharge areas.

Mr. Roos asked how changes in climate are affecting conditions. Mr. Kane answered that recent climate abnormalities are changing the definition of what is considered normal.

3. LARGE GROUP SESSION:

Mr. Linnabary asked for any group reports or agency updates.

- a) Mr. Marshall mentioned that January is Radon awareness month at the Winnebago County Health Department and updated the group on current promotions for Radon testing available. Mr. Linnabary asked if there are certain basements that exhibit more Radon. Mr. Marshall responded that more often an issue in enclosed basements.

- b) Mr. Johnson mentioned that people have not been receiving rebates from solar installations and asked if anyone has heard about other issues with receiving funds. Mr. Roos responded with an overview of the program functionality and current benefit-administration issues.

4. ADJORNMENT

Mr. Linnabary mentioned that the next Environmental Committee meeting is scheduled for **March 19th, 2020** at 4:00pm in the Regional Design Center.

Mr. Linnabary entertained a motion to adjourn. First by Mr. Capovilla. Second by Ms. Bodell. Motion passes unanimously.

5. WORKING GROUP SESSION

Opportunities for public comment will be afforded on all agenda items.

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