

WPP STAKEHOLDER MAKEUP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2014

ATTENDEES:

- ❖ Terry Bowie, Kim Carroll, Peter Czerwinski, Frank Green, Ron Gunter, Scott Harper, Jim Haymon, Tyler Jacobs, Rick Masters, Paul Nelson, Scott Nichols, Todd Running, Ruth Stultz, Scott Taylor
- ❖ Randy Acreman, Lorena Anderson, Michael Bleier, Christine Cooper, Samuel Meza, Tom Michel, Rhonda Mona, Hector Ortiz, David Parkhill, Bret Raley, Michelle Simpson, Shane Simpson, Karen Thomas

AGENDA:

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Montgomery MS4 permit-Guest Speaker Rick Masters, Carroll & Blackman, Inc. (Representing the City of Conroe, Montgomery County and the Woodlands JPA)
- ❖ Stakeholder Discussion

OPENING:

- ❖ Welcome by Bret Raley and Introduction of Phil Smith
- ❖ Overview by Phil Smith of GRP Division including discussion regarding tours of facility.

PRESENTATIONS:

- ❖ Water Plant Tour discussion-Phil Smith
- ❖ Montgomery MS4 Permit Power Point by Rick Masters

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- ❖ GRP Plant and process
- ❖ OSSF Survey Results & OSSF Order modifications
- ❖ Plant tour options
- ❖ Urban Runoff
- ❖ MS4 Permit

DISCUSSIONS HELD:

Hector Ortiz: Explanation of the chemistry of water plant process.

Peter Czerwinski: Questioned if we are adding ammonia?

Hector Ortiz: Responded “no”.

Ron Gunter: Questioned what the storage in the two capacity tanks?

Phil Smith: Replied “five million”.

Ron Gunter: The blowers that release byproduct, is it caught or released?

Phil Smith: Released.

Ron Gunter: Is there a concern for boaters?

Phil Smith: No due parts per million levels.

Phil Smith: Explains water runoff for the plant.

Ruth Stultz: Asked if we have had any issues or complaints from the adjacent subdivision?

Bret Raley: Replied there have been some complaints. However, SJRA did erect a 12’ wall between the subdivision and the plant.

Peter Czerwinski: Typically most people don’t object to water plants.

Phil Smith: Biggest challenge will be the lights.

Bret Raley: Presents OSSF Survey results.

Ruth Stultz: Questioned why anyone would oppose homeowners doing their own maintenance?

David Parkhill: Issue is if you can trust the homeowner’s to do the operation.

Terry Bowie: I understand it as you can do both. Either hire someone or do it yourself.

Bret Raley: That is correct.

David Parkhill: Montgomery County doesn’t allow homeowners to get certified.

Peter Czerwinski: I would vote against homeowners doing their own maintenance.

Ruth Stultz: Most homeowners don’t care about their septic until it fails.

Tyler Jacobs: Questioned if we have had any discussion regarding coordination with the county health department?

David Parkhill: Yes, the WPP will have BMP’s for OSSF facilities, like audits, changing regulations. The responsibility of regulating OSSF within 2,000 feet of the reservoir is with SJRA and not the county. However there will be a lot of coordination.

Mike Bleier: Questioned if the quarterly maintenance documents are currently being presented to SJRA?

Bret Raley: Yes we are receiving them.

David Parkhill: But we don’t have a formal system to track and remind people to send them.

Mike Bleier: Questioned if a tracking system is the vision of the future.

David Parkhill: Yes, and we will try to enforce these regulations.

Mike Bleier: Discussion regarding the difference between using a certified maintenance provider or the option of taking a class to become certified.

David Parkhill: Explained the process that would be involved for homeowners to do their own inspections.

Frank Green: Montgomery County doesn’t allow homeowners to do their own inspections.

Bret Raley: Walker County does but if there is one violation the homeowner will lose that option.

Bret Raley: Discussion on SJRA adopting a modified version of Walker County's plan.

Paul Nelson: Discussion on centralized systems.

Jim Haymon: Discussion on allowing out of district sewers in the Far Hills Utility District.

Bret Raley: Discussion regarding storm runoff.

David Parkhill: Introduction of Rick Masters

Rick Masters: Presentation of MS4 Program Phase II

Ron Gunter: Questioned if regulations only apply if area is urbanized, and what percent of urban runoff comes into Lake Conroe?

David Parkhill: For the urbanized area there is none. This program will be permitting urban runoff in the future.

David Parkhill: Questioned if the city or county has considered expanding program outside the urbanized area.

Scott Taylor: Whatever is in effect will apply to the city limits of the City of Conroe and also the planning area of the City of Conroe.

Ron Gunter: Questioned if we have the capacity to endorse these regulations that are around our drainage area?

David Parkhill: That is correct there are some qualifications we will talk about later.

Rick Masters: Discussion on post construction controls that will be required.

Ron Gunter: Asked if Phase II can grow into Phase I?

Rick Masters: No, explains due to population.

Paul Nelson: Questioned in Phase I there was a limit to the size of the outfall pipes, is there a limit in Phase II?

Rick Masters: Replies they have actually done away with that in Phase II.

Terry Bowie: Questioned who they report to?

Rick Masters: Replied once a year they submit a report to TCEQ.

Ron Gunter: Discussion regarding the hotline.