

STORMWATER PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
April 25, 2016

Members Present:

Larry Trucano
Dennis Weber
Rick Fancher
Marty Reynolds

Members Absent:

Chairman, Jack Minner
Mayor, Allen Adomite
Lori Daiber
Gussie Glasper
Rick Macho
Robert Pollard
Brenda Roosevelt
Kelly Tracy
Richard Worthen

Others Present:

Matt Brandmeyer
Steve Brendel
Breana Lamb

Call of Meeting to Order:

Matt Brandmeyer called the meeting to order as Chairman Jack Minner was absent. Mr. Brandmeyer led the meeting with updates on each of the agenda items.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes was not conducted as there was not a quorum. However, there was a majority of the quorum present.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Mr. Brandmeyer discussed the Cahokia Creek Watershed Plan. He indicated that Madison County is following the same processes that were used when creating the Silver Creek Watershed. Surveys, public forums, and stakeholder meetings have been conducted thus far. For the Indian Creek Watershed, 1,600 surveys were sent out and 282 were received which was an eighteen (18) percent return rate. Mr. Brandmeyer indicated not many surveys indicated that experienced flooding. Only eleven (11) percent indicated that they experienced flooding which was a lower response than there was for Silver Creek Watershed. Their causes of flooding was, rainstorms, water from neighbor property, and lack of drainage facilities. For the Canteen Watershed, 2,400 surveys were sent out and 452 were returned which is eighteen (18) percent return rate. Of the eighteen percent, twenty-one (21) percent indicated that they had flooding issues in the last ten years. These numbers were higher when compared to Silver Creek Watershed. They had the exact same issues from flooding such as, rainstorms, water from neighbor property, and lack of drainage facilities. Mr. Brandmeyer indicated that Madison County will continue to do stakeholder meetings as well as public forums all though public forums were rarely attended. Mr. Brendel indicated that Madison County did meet with local

municipalities and townships and received a lot of feedback that helped fill the gaps from the lack of attendance with the public forums. The Home Owners Associations of Holiday Shores and Dunlap Lake have been actively participating in these meetings as well. They have provided Madison County with a lot of information regarding these watersheds. Mr. Brendel indicated that Holiday Shores has begun to work on projects for the watershed and they are being proactive about getting things done.

Mr. Brandmeyer indicated that Madison County has been working on a grant for Judy's Branch Watershed that covers all of Granite City and is called the American Bottoms. The Army Corps of Engineers is going to analyze the ecological restoration plan and the hydrological analysis and create a report of what improvements need to be made and Madison County will create a plan based on that analysis. Mr. Brandmeyer indicated that public engagement, surveys and public forums will be conducted. Madison County will have a lot more information regarding this watershed than the previous watershed plans. It will be about \$60,000 and we will look to contact in the fall. The Corps does the study part and Madison County would like to renew with Heartlands Conservancy to finish the planning part. Heartlands Conservancy has done Madison County's work with watersheds in the past such as the public forums and creating maps. Madison County sent out a RFQ and only had a couple respondents and it was determined that Heartlands Conservancy was the most qualified. Mr. Brendel specified that the Corps portion is doing the water resource which is existing conditions, identifying the issues and they pull it all together so Madison County can move forward.

Mr. Brandmeyer indicated how shared services could work as a centralized system referring to the Stormwater Management Plan. Mr. Brandmeyer said that Madison County could use the MS4 program as a starting point. Currently the co-permittee members pay a fee to handle the MS4 permit. This primarily covers Gonzalez's fees for filling out the paperwork and ensuring that minimum requirements are met. Plan review could be a similar process of paying a fee and obtaining an engineer. It would be a centralized system. These would be for development projects, grading, excavation, fill permits. Mr. Brandmeyer indicated that we would not be able to send all violations to our court, and municipal violations would have to remain with municipal court. Mr. Brendel indicated that it will be centralized. Everything will come through Madison County and will be treated the same way.

Mr. Brandmeyer indicated that the plans are built for each watershed and from the plans a CIP would be created which essentially is have a top twenty (20) list for each watershed for projects that need to happen. The Stormwater Management Commission would determine the projects and prioritize them. A discussion ensued about engineering services. Mr. Brandmeyer discussed the centralized review system of the Master Plan and if the Stormwater Management Commission is okay with the process, the municipal courts will have to be notified. Mr. Brandmeyer indicated that the Commission should cancel the June meeting in create the final draft of the plan and then be ready to vote on it in the fall.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.