

STORMWATER PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes for October 31, 2016

Members Present:

Chairman, Jack Minner
Rick Macho
Robert Pollard
Marty Reynolds
Brenda Roosevelt
Kelly Tracy
Larry Trucano
Richard Worthen

Members Absent:

Allen Adomite
Rick Fancher
Gussie Glasper
Lori Daiber
Dennis Weber

Others Present:

Matt Brandmeyer
Steve Brendel
Breana Lamb
Don Moore
Barbara D.

Call of Meeting to Order:

Chairman Jack Minner called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

Larry Trucano made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 29, 2016. Seconded by Brenda Roosevelt. Voice Vote. All ayes. Motion Approved.

Public Hearings:

Matt Brandmeyer asked to address both public hearings. Mr. Brandmeyer asked the commission to table the hearings until next month, explaining that he would ask for a recommendation at the following meeting. Mr. Brandmeyer indicated the Upper Silver Creek Watershed Plan is complete and the Master Stormwater Management Plan will be finalized within the next week.

Chairman Jack Minner asked when the next meeting for the public hearings would be held. Mr. Brandmeyer asked if everyone was available on Monday, November 28, 2016.

Don Moore asked if there were any comments from the local officials. Mr. Brandmeyer said that the drafts are not completed and no one from the public had seen the drafts. Don Moore asked how we'd ensure that everyone could see the draft. Mr. Brandmeyer stated that he and Steve Brendel would be delivering hard-

copies to townships and municipalities and the Stormwater Management Commission. Kelly Tracy indicated that the plans would be posted on the website as well.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Chairman Jack Minner asked for a motion to table the public hearings for the Madison County Stormwater Management Plan and the Upper Silver Creek Watershed Plan. Kelly Tracy made the motion and was seconded by Brenda Roosevelt. Voice Vote. All ayes. Motion Approved. The public hearings will be tabled until Monday, November 28, 2016 at 9 AM.

Rick Macho stated that he and Janet Buchanan with HeartLands Conservancy are putting together a committee of district board members to discuss and create policy and procedures to evaluate the people who have submitted applications in order to do practices on their land in the Silver Creek Watershed area. Mr. Macho continued to discuss the process of forming policy and procedures. Mr. Brandmeyer asked how many applications have been received. Mr. Macho indicated there have been 40 submitted.

Mr. Brendel stated the water resource inventory is in its last steps for the Cahokia Creek Watershed Plan and should be finalized before the end of the year. Flood survey information will be examined and the process of writing the plan should start in 2017. Mr. Brandmeyer indicated that, due to lack of attendance, additional open houses will be held. Mr. Brandmeyer stated the open houses will be promoted differently. Mr. Brandmeyer continued to discuss attendance of the open houses. Chairman Jack Minner asked when the next open houses would be held. Mr. Brendel stated that the open house for Cahokia Creek Watershed Plan would be scheduled for early December.

Mr. Brandmeyer stated that he and Mr. Brendel met with the Army Corps, and they learned about a potential funding source that could advance the Ecological Restoration Plan. Mr. Brandmeyer described what the Ecological Restoration Plan is explaining that, if the current plan is updated, it could be added to the Army Corps' funding list. The Army Corps is asking for half a million dollars to update the plan. St. Clair and Monroe Counties are part of this plan, but they will not fund it. Mr. Brandmeyer stated that they spoke with the Army Corps about the Upper Mississippi River Watershed Plan, which is a 4 state project for the Army Corps. They have funded several projects in the other 3 states and Mr. Brandmeyer stated that, in many ways, it should be Madison County's turn to receive funding. This funding could lead to restoring wetland areas. Richard Worthen asked if matching funds would have to be paid with the Army Corps. Mr. Brandmeyer stated that the price does not change even though the scope narrows. Mr. Brendel stated that the half a million is just for Madison County's portion of the process. Kelly Tracy asked why the other counties opted out, and Mr. Brandmeyer stated that it was because of money.

Richard Worthen asked if anyone in Godfrey is doing anything to help stormwater issues. Mr. Brandmeyer stated that Godfrey is looking to do stormwater planning for their downtown area. Mr. Macho indicated Godfrey has contracted with an engineering firm to review their plans for stormwater related issues but they are not being proactive about it. Mr. Macho stated that Godfrey was provided mitigation funding from Illinois American Water to do work on the watershed flood control and water quality control. A discussion ensued about Godfrey's initiatives with stormwater planning.

Mr. Brendel indicated the second round of meetings for FEMA maps will be on December 7th, 2016. Mr. Brandmeyer asked if it is just for municipalities. Mr. Brendel indicated that it was and would be a continuation from the last meeting. Mr. Brandmeyer stated that all the areas that have been affected have been looked at and Highland is the most affected. Mr. Brandmeyer continued to discuss floodplain issues in Highland. Mr. Brandmeyer indicated Highland wants to open up the culvert to provide more drainage for the area and they would like to do that before the maps are adopted. Mr. Brandmeyer stated the process that FEMA uses is

unclear, so it is not certain if they will consider the suggested changes to the maps. A discussion ensued about FEMA's amendment process. Mr. Brandmeyer stated it would be beneficial to have a letter from the commission stating what they would want done to provide to FEMA.

Mr. Brendel indicated that the MS4 meeting in September was a meeting about FEMA maps and getting the word out about the updates. Mr. Brendel stated a few municipalities will have to do water sampling but it can be phased in during the 5-year permit period. There will be other requirements for visual inspections as well. Mr. Brendel continued to discuss the changes that are necessary for water sampling in these municipalities.

Adjournment:

Kelly Tracy made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Worthen. Voice Vote. All ayes. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.