

Carroll County Water Resource Coordination Council

Hampstead * Manchester * Mt. Airy * New Windsor
Carroll County Health Department



* Sykesville * Taneytown * Union Bridge * Westminster
Carroll County Government

WRCC Meeting Summary February 22, 2023

Attendees:

Municipalities:

- Kevin Hann, Chair
- Jim Wieprecht, Vice Chair
- John Dick
- Gary Dye
- Delbert Greene
- Mayor Perry Jones
- Rodney Kuhns
- Alex Perricone
- Kevin Rubenstein
- Dick Swanson

CC LRM:

- Brenda Dinne
- Glenn Edwards
- Chris Heyn
- Claire Hirt
- Byron Madigan
- Kelly Martin
- Denise Mathias
- Zach Neal
- Janet O'Meara
- Ed Singer
- Pat Varga

Health Department:

- Richard Brace

CCG Others:

- Andy Watcher, CC DPW
- Lydia Rogers, CC M&B

Guest Speakers:

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Others:

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1. Opening Statement

Chair – Kevin Hann

Mr. Hann opened the meeting at 2:32 PM.

Mr. Hann asked that any municipalities who had not yet sent their Flood Management surveys to Brenda Dinne to do so as soon as possible.

He commented that there are some costly bills making their way through the legislature.

Vice Chair – Jim Wieprecht

Nothing additional.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary – January 25, 2023

Approval of the January meeting summary was discussed. No changes were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Alex Perricone and seconded by Gary Dye to approve the January 25, 2023, meeting summary as written. Motion carried.

3. Municipal Concerns for Discussion – Municipalities (5-minute presentation each)

Each municipality shared some of the hot topics, concerns, issues, and projects they currently have or are addressing.

- New Windsor: Mr. Dye shared concerns, projects, and issues, which included aging infrastructure, water main replacement as part of the MD 31 improvement project, bringing the Roops Meadow Spring back online, drilling new wells, looking for new water sources, PFAS

testing, Lead & Copper Rule requirements, rate survey for water and sewer, Blue Ridge Pump Station upgrade, supply chain issues with generators, and ENR upgrade.

- Taneytown: Mr. Wieprecht shared that Taneytown is also experiencing a generator backlog issue. Other items shared included capacity and compliance issues with the wastewater treatment (WWTP) following the ENR upgrade, using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for infrastructure improvements, inflow and infiltration (I&I), PFAS, Lead & Copper Rule, and water and sewer rates.
- Manchester: Mr. Perricone felt that the regulations are getting very expensive and making it hard to do business. He was concerned with who would pay for costs of users whose water and sewer debts are wiped out if the proposed bill passes the legislature. He also raised the issues of PFAS and the need to look at additional alternative water sources for the future.
- Sykesville: Mr. Rubenstein shared that the Town is struggling with creative solutions for stormwater management in small-scale, urban spaces. Ms. O'Meara offered to take a look at possible scenarios and solutions with them.
- Mount Airy: Mr. Swanson shared that issues include PFAS, aging infrastructure, I&I, and many of the other issues already mentioned by others. The Town does their own water and sewer rate studies through the Town's Water and Sewer Commission.
- Bureau of Utilities: Mr. Watcher shared that the Enterprise Fund pays for water and sewer infrastructure, but the financial resources to fund these projects are decreasing. He also lamented about the generator backlog and the process for getting the ENR upgrade running, which is doing well now. Other issues included upcoming lining and manhole work.
- Hampstead: Mr. Hann discussed the 2016 study to get a hold on water accountability. Other issues included PFAS, reclassification of certain stormwater management facility structures to significant hazard dams, drilling of wells, Lead & Copper Rule, and I&I/leak detection.

There was a consensus that this type of sharing should occur more frequently.

Reference/Attachment:

- N/A

4. Water Resources Element (WRE 2024) Update – Brenda Dinne

- Mount Airy has not yet sent its completed capacity management plan workbook, which is needed for the consultant work.
- GIS staff met with Hazen on February 1 to discuss the needs for automating portions of the Buildable Land Inventory model, which is Task 1. They are working on recommendations.
- Hazen is also working on Task 2, which is related to groundwater allocability. They are currently doing research and evaluation. A meeting with the County technical team for this task is anticipated for April.

Reference/Attachment:

- N/A

5. Municipal Stormwater Projects Update – Janet O'Meara

Janet O'Meara provided an update on the municipal stormwater restoration projects.

The Bureau of Resource Management submitted a grant application for funding for PFAS work at the Public Safety Training Center. This project was given higher priority because the Fire & EMS Department is also working on an expansion project for that site.

WRA is one of the new contractors for design and engineering.

Reference/Attachment:

- Handout: *Municipal Project Status*

6. Other

- Flood Management Interview with MDE (A-StoRM): Claire Hirt reported that staff met with a representative of MDE on February 21 for an interview on flood management in Carroll County. She asked the same questions that were sent to the municipalities in a survey. The MDE representative will be contacting municipalities for interviews when she's done interviewing counties. She will not need to contact Carroll's municipalities since input was received through the surveys.
- IDDE Outfalls/Screenings: Glenn Edwards indicated that they anticipate completing the annual screenings in the next two to three months. He will be in touch with each municipality.
- Precipitation and Water Levels: Zach Neal shared that everyone is looking good with groundwater at the moment. Precipitation levels are normal for the month and where we are in the calendar year. Stream levels may be slightly below normal in the northwest area of the county.
- March Meeting: Aaron Fisher will be sharing information on PaveDrain Permeable Pavement at the guest speaker at the March meeting.
- Legislative Update: Brenda Dinne will email the legislative update summary table with the proposed bills introduced so far in the Maryland General Assembly this legislative session that are water-resource related. She indicated that the draft stormwater bill did not get introduced. HB 942 would effectively kill stream restoration projects, and from a permit perspective, MS4 jurisdictions cannot wait 10 years to receive compliance credit. The Forest Retention bill is complicated. We are already doing some proposed provisions but have concerns about others.
- Possible Stormwater Tour: County staff will be meeting shortly to discuss planning for a WRCC stormwater tour in May. If a tour proceeds this year, it will be on May 5. The municipalities were asked to mark their calendars.

Reference/Attachment:

- N/A

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 2:30 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Dick Swanson and seconded by Alex Perricone to adjourn the February 22, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

- ☐ *Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, March 22, 2023*