

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 September 27, 2023

Attendees:

Municipalities:

- Kevin Hann, Chair, Hampstead
- Jim Wieprecht, Vice Chair, Taneytown
- John Dick, Westminster
- Gary Dye, New Windsor
- Delbert Green, Manchester
- Mayor Perry Jones, Union Bridge
- Rodney Kuhns, Manchester
- Alex Perricone, Manchester
- Jim Roark, Hampstead
- Kevin Rubenstein, Sykesville
- Kevin Smeak, Taneytown
- Dick Swanson, Mount Airy

CC LRM:

- Brenda Dinne
- Glenn Edwards
- Chris Heyn, Director
- Claire Hirt
- Byron Madigan
- Kelly Martin
- Denise Mathias
- Zach Neal
- Janet O'Meara
- Pat Varga
- Hannah Weber

Health Department:

- Richard Brace

CCG Others:

- Andy Watcher, CC DPW
- Bryan Bokey, CC DPW
- Jason Green, CC DPW
- Lydia Rogers, CC M&B

Guest Speakers:

- Price Wagner,
Comprehensive Planning

1. Opening Statement

Chair – Kevin Hann

Mr. Hann opened the meeting at 2:30 PM.

Vice Chair – Jim Wieprecht

None.

2. Approval of Meeting Summary – August 23, 2023

Approval of the August meeting summary was discussed. Changes were made in the heading and header to update the year. Duplicate text was eliminated under the first sentence in the second bullet under the third agenda item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Dick Swanson and seconded by Mayor Perry Jones to approve the August 23, 2023, meeting summary as amended. Motion carried.

3. Water & Sewer Master Plan Triennial Update – Price Wagoner

- Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) comments on the draft were addressed, and the final Triennial Update was sent to MDE on August 5, 2023. The updated version will not be in effect until MDE approves it. In the meantime, the maps and prior document should be used. There will not be a fall amendment cycle, but there will be a couple amendments for the spring cycle.

Reference/Attachment:

- Webpage: [Water & Sewer Master Plan: 2023 Triennial Update](#)

4. PFAS Status and Coordination – Discussion

- Each municipality status of PFAS-related well testing and any plans for addressing it. Mr. Hann suggested each municipality have a plan already prepared to identify how PFAS will be addressed before EPA and MDE set limits and adopt regulations. This may help with obtaining funding if ready to move forward.
- Final decisions on funding from MDE/EPA have not yet been made.
- MDE currently has three proposed new sites for sludge application in Carroll County. Mr. Heyn expressed concern to MDE about the potential for PFAS contamination in the sludge. MDE has continued to process the applications but is holding off on approving a permit until further investigation can be done regarding how to address or mitigate this issue. MDE will be holding a public meeting on another proposed site, which is near Taneytown. The meeting information will be emailed to the WRCC members as soon as it is confirmed.
- Currently, there is no standard approach to looking at the PFAS data and determining a course forward. There are many complexities, and the data can fluctuate significantly when you're addressing parts per trillion.
- The municipalities shared public outreach initiatives related to PFAS. Once the EPA officially adopts the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) for PFAS, the WRCC may discuss a cooperative effort for developing a public outreach document.
- This topic will be revisited at least quarterly on the WRCC agenda going forward.

Reference/Attachment:

- N/A

5. Drought Warning in Carroll County – Discussion

- While 2 to 3 inches of rain fell across the county last week, it is not expected to solve the drought problem. A full winter with normal precipitation is needed to create a better situation going into spring and summer next year.
- Mr. Heyn shared that staff are reviewing files to identify practices and public outreach for the 2002 drought.
- The municipalities shared the measures they have taken thus far to address the drought warning. Most still have voluntary restrictions in place.
- This topic will be revisited periodically on the WRCC agenda going forward.

Reference/Attachment:

- N/A

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

- Task 1.2: Automation of Portions of Buildable Land Inventory Model: GIS staff is testing process improvements and will work with Hazen to troubleshoot.
- Task 2: Groundwater Allocability: Task completed.
- Task 3: Emerging Contaminants: Task completed.
- Task 4: MDE TIPP Spreadsheet Comparison: Hazen is populating the MDE TIPP (TMDL Implementation Progress and Planning tool) spreadsheets for the six watersheds in Carroll County. The results will replace the use of the spreadsheets from the prior model. The results will be used for the 2023 NPDES MS4 Annual Report.
- Task 5: Climate Change Impacts: Comments were provided on the draft technical memo.
- Task 6: Update 2010 WRE Supporting Documents: All capacity and demand workbooks have been provided to Hazen. Work on Task 6 is in progress.

Reference/Attachment:

- N/A

7. Municipal Stormwater Projects Update – Janet O’Meara

- Janet O’Meara shared that Gianni Assi will be filling Elizabeth Caron’s position, effective September 28. Interviews are in progress for his former Stormwater Reviewer position, as well as for the Watershed Management Coordinator position.
- Ms. O’Meara provided an update on the municipal stormwater restoration projects.

Reference/Attachment:

- *Municipal Project Status, September 27, 2023*

8. Other

- Department Changes: The Board of County Commissioners voted on September 14, 2023, to merge the Department of Planning back into the Department of Land & Resource Management. The name of the department was changed to Planning & Land Management. A Deputy Director position will be created under Chris Heyn to oversee the new Bureau of Comprehensive Planning and assist Mr. Heyn with other activities/areas. Hannah Weber will be the Comprehensive Planning representative regularly attending the WRCC meetings.
- Website Link Change: As a result of the change to the Department name, the web address has changed as well. Ms. Hirt requested that the municipalities update the link to the [Protecting Carroll County Waters](#) (NPDES) website on their own websites.
- 2023 Environmental Stewardship Booklets: The Environmental Advisory Council completed the biennial update of the [Environmental Stewardship in Carroll County](#) booklet. As in the past, copies of the booklet and the quick reference guide were provided to the municipalities as reference for staff and to make a couple copies available to the public.
- Upcoming Outreach Events: Resource Management staff will be at the Fall Harvest Festival in Taneytown on September 30 and New Windsor’s Music on Main on October 7. If anyone has events coming up for which they need handouts, contact Claire Hirt or Glenn Edwards.
- 20 SW Facilities/Permits: All our SW 20 facilities have made the required submittals. Some have already been issued new permits.
- Annual Stormwater Pollution Prevention Training Workshop: The annual stormwater pollution prevention workshop for the NPDES MS4 co-permittees and partners will be held on November 3, 2023. The State Highway Administration will be one of the speakers. The City of Westminster will talk about salt management and touch on other alternative practices, such as street sweeping and inlet cleaning.
- 2023 Environmental Symposium: The second annual Environmental Symposium will be held on Saturday, October 28, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Alesia and Medford buildings at the Carroll County Ag Center. It will once again feature a recycled art contest for high school students. This year the Environmental Action Awards will also be presented. Ms. O’Meara provided each municipality with flyers to share.
- Recycling Manager: Bryan Bokey indicated that Maria Myers retired in August. Although the position will retain the recycling responsibilities, it will be expanded to include sustainability issues. It will be advertised shortly.
- Water Resources Section Intern: Garrett Tucker will be helping with bacteria monitoring.
- October Guest Speaker: Eric Dutrow with Maryland Rural Water Association will be the guest speaker at the October 25 WRCC meeting. He will share the types of assistance that the Association may be able to provide in completed the Lead & Copper Rule inventory.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Dick Swanson and seconded by Mayor Perry Jones to adjourn the September 27, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

☐ *Regular Monthly Meeting – Wednesday, October 25, 2023*