

Minutes from the Indiana Water Monitoring Council Board of Directors meeting (11/10/2009)

Next scheduled meeting: January 14, 2010 (meetings will be held every other month on the second Thursday of the month following this date)

Action Items:

- Draft message introducing the Web site and soliciting additional Council participation that can be sent to individual groups such as the Indiana Assoc. for Floodplain and Stormwater Management (INAFSM) and the Indiana Water Resources Association (IWRA) (Scott Morlock)
- Update InWMC “events” Web page to include information for the 2010 Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Annual Conference that will be held in January (Shawn Naylor)
- Contact members of the Technical Resources Compilation Committee to see if any of them are interested in replacing Ernie Johnson as committee chairperson (Jody Arthur)
- Send out reminder for National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC) webinar on Wednesday, November, 18 (Scott Morlock)
- Arrange for newly formed Conference Planning Committee to meet (Jody Arthur)
- Arrange Coordination and Collaboration Committee meeting (Bill Guertal)
- Arrange Research, Education, and Outreach Compilation Committee meeting (Ruben Goforth)

Attendees (10 total):

Scott Morlock, United States Geological Survey (USGS)
Jody Arthur, Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)
Shawn Naylor, Indiana Geological Survey (IGS)
Sara Slater-Atwater, Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA)
Sara Peel, Indiana Lakes Management Society (ILMS)
Rachelle Baker, KCI Technologies
Siavash Beik, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

Via conference call

Stu Shipman, Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)
Ruben Goforth, Purdue University
Bill Jones, School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA), Indiana University

Jody Arthur: calls the meeting to order at 10:05 am

Jody Arthur introduces Rachelle Baker of KCI Technologies who will be representing her company as proxy for Joe Pfeiffer. KCI Technologies is one of two Consultant/Industry representatives on the InWMC Board.

Projects in Committee

Committee for Organizational Structure

Jody Arthur mentioned that the committee will likely be recommending incorporation for the Council. The process of incorporating requires that some additional decisions be made and the committee is currently putting together a report of these remaining issues and its recommendations, which should be sent out to the remainder of the Board via email sometime soon. The Board can look at the remaining decisions that are to be made and ideally be ready to vote on these items at the next meeting.

Communications Committee

Scott Morlock gave an update on the InWMC Web site that was recently introduced to the General Membership. Between 20 and 30 individuals from both the Board of Directors and General Membership distribution list have entered their information on the Web site with no apparent problems. The next step for the Communications Committee is to embark upon an effort to market the Council's efforts to date and increase the organization's visibility. After a discussion led by Siavash Beik, Bill Jones, and Scott Morlock, it was decided that Board Members should contact graphic design personnel within their companies or agencies and see about drafting logos for the Council (see motion below). Draft logos will be presented at a future Board meeting, and the best candidate logo will be chosen for further development by the Board.

Motion made by Siavash Beik: "I motion that we should have Board Members solicit their graphic designers to submit drafts and then we'll vote on the best one."

Motion seconded by Scott Morlock and Jody Arthur.

Vote: All in attendance voted in favor.

Coordination and Collaboration Committee

Scott Morlock announced that the committee has not yet convened but plans to do so soon.

Research, Education, and Outreach Committee

Ruben Goforth announced that the committee has not yet convened but plans to do so soon.

Technical Resources Compilation Committee

Jody Arthur announced that Ernie Johnson will no longer be serving as committee chairperson. It was recommended that someone contact the other committee members to determine if any of them would be willing to replace Ernie as chairperson. Jody agreed to communicate with the other members to see if any of them are interested.

New Business

Jody Arthur gave an overview for the National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC) webinar that will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009. Scott Morlock mentioned that Board members can view the webinar at the USGS Water Science Center with time afterward reserved for a follow-up discussion regarding how the webinar material can be applied to the InWMC.

Shawn Naylor asked those in attendance if there were any additional events that should be added to the "events" Web page. Sara Slater-Atwater mentioned that the 2010 Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (IASWCD) Annual Conference will be held in January.

Planning the next InWMC General Membership meeting was also discussed. It was mentioned that, if the Council will not be meeting at the same venue as the Indiana Water Resources Association (IWRA) in May, planning for a separate conference should begin soon. Stu Shipman noted that some individuals will not be able to attend both conferences, and that a stand-alone InWMC conference / annual meeting should be accompanied by presentations such as those focusing on the state of water monitoring in Indiana. It was decided that a planning committee should be initiated and Jody Arthur agreed to head the committee.

Motion made by Siavash Beik: "I motion that we form an ad-hoc Conference Planning Committee."

Motion seconded by Scott Morlock.

Vote: All in attendance voted in favor.

Sara Peel, Sara Slater-Atwater, Shawn Naylor and Scott Morlock (after December) also agreed to serve on the new ad-hoc committee.

Wrap-up / Next Steps

Future Board meeting dates were discussed with some individuals expressing a desire to move away from Tuesday meeting dates. It was decided that the Board should instead convene on the second Thursday of the month continuing with the every-other-month schedule. January 14th will be the next meeting date with subsequent meetings being held on March 11th, and May 13th of 2010.

Motion made by Jody Arthur to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Scott Morlock.

Vote: All in attendance voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am