

**Minutes from the Indiana Water Monitoring Council General Membership meeting
(12/3/2008)**

Attendees (40 total)

Opening comments:

Bill Guertal: welcome and introductions

Bill Guertal: overview of Council's progress to date

Bylaw discussion:

Bill Guertal: announces that General Membership will be voting to accept or reject Bylaws and opens panel for discussion of remaining issues that members have with current draft

Bill Jones: notes grammatical mistake in preamble of Bylaws

Ernie Johnson: asks if concerns that he and others may have will be incorporated into the Bylaw text if the Bylaws are passed by the General Membership in their current form

Bill Guertal: notes that passing the Bylaws is a procedural approach with the purpose being to move the Council forward and any lingering issues with the Bylaws will be addressed in the first official Board of Directors meeting

Siavash Beik: adds that the Bylaws may be changed at any time in the future with an amendment and General Members are free to recommend an amendment that can then be voted upon by the General Membership

Bill Guertal: calls for a vote of the Bylaws (the Bylaw vote was already motioned by Stu Shipman and seconded by Scott Morlock prior to the above discussion on Bylaw changes)

Vote results: majority in favor (~30 hands in support)

Next steps:

Bill Guertal: mentions that one of the goals of the Council is to leverage resources from multiple entities around Indiana to address water resource issues that any single organization lacks the necessary means to tackle. He goes on to state that Council subcommittees will be the means of accomplishing this goal and others and asks for an update on the status of the 2 existing subcommittees: communications and data clearinghouse.

Scott Morlock: acknowledges the efforts of Elizabeth Trybula in compiling outreach material for the Council to date and asks that anyone interested in serving on the communications committee note their interest on the meeting sign-in sheet

Jane Frankenburger: notes that the current water monitoring inventory is not intended to act as a “data clearinghouse” where data is stored in a database that can be queried and retrieved by any individual; however, she encourages anyone who has the resources to design and implement such a “clearinghouse” to do so

Bill Guertal: commends those who helped get the Council to its current status within a year and announces that the next step is to schedule the first official Board of Directors meeting as soon as possible and address the few remaining structuring issues

Shawn Naylor: requests that anyone with remaining suggestions for the Bylaws email them in a Word document so they can be addressed at the first official Board of Directors meeting

meeting adjourned