Hamilton County Storm Water District

Administered by the Hamilton County Engineer's Office – Theodore B. Hubbard, County Engineer

In partnership with H. C. Soil and Water Conservation District, The H. C. Department of Planning and Development, H. C. Public Health, the City of Cincinnati Stormwater Management Utility, and the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati

Website: http://www.hamilton-co.org/stormwater

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74th Oversight Board Minutes
April 28, 2016
2:00 p.m.
Springfield Township Administration Building
Allen Paul Room

Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
Joseph Honerlaw – Trustee - Springfield Township	Theodore Hubbard – Hamilton County Engineer – Hamilton County Engineer's Office
Mark Quarry – Councilman - Village of Silverton	Dennis Deters – Hamilton County Commissioner - Hamilton County Commissioners' Office
	Jenny Kilgore – Councilwoman - Village of Glendale
Alternates Present	**Alternates Absent**
Kellie Wise – Hamilton County Commissioners' Office	Frank Birkenhauer – Colerain Township Assistant Administrator and Director of Development
Jim Obert – Symmes Township Resident	
Tim Gilday – Hamilton County Engineer's Office	
Richard Osgood – City of Sharonville Building and Planning Director	

Guest Name	Organization
Tom Alderfer	Village of Glendale
Chris Calpin	CDM Smith
Nancy Ellwood	CDM Smith
Christopher Griffith	Hamilton County Public Health
Dora Hamblin	CDM Smith
Mohammad Islam	Hamilton County Department of Planning and Development
Brad Johnson	Hamilton County Public Health
Jerry Hensley	Village of Indian Hill
Todd Long	Hamilton County Engineer's Office
Bill Luchsinger	Hamilton County Engineer's Office
Andrew Pappas	Anderson Township (HCTA)
Gordon Perry	City of Blue Ash
Richard Shelly	Anderson Township
Jim Welber	Hamilton County Department of Planning and Development

IDDE Outfall Investigation - The District is required to screen all outfalls. Due to the large number of outfalls in the District, a prioritization effort started in 2013 to identify high, medium and low priority outfall locations. The report includes charts and graphics that show the status of this effort. Mr. Long reviewed the results of this year's field investigations and inspections.

Question: Chairman Honerlaw asked if you find an illicit discharge the action necessary it says here "you use aggressive enforcement of applicable legal authorities" curious, how does the usual case go?

Answer: Mr. Long stated when a source is identified there is a notification process and, if the responsible party cooperates, it does not go past that point. The District has to act within its rules and regulations under the Ohio Revised Code. It cannot act in a punitive way, more of an advisory way. It could end up in the court system, but that is not turning out to be the case. Most of the operators the District has worked with were not aware that a problem existed. The District tries not to be heavy handed.

Question: Chairman Honerlaw asked, have we had any instances where we had to go to court?

Answer: Mr. Long stated that he didn't believe to date that there had been a single one.

- MCM 4 – Construction Site Runoff Control – The District performed approximately 3,200 site inspections - which averages 1.17 a month. The permit requires 1 per month. The District has seen an increase in construction commensurate with the recovery in the economy. These numbers show that the District is doing what it needs to do. The Soil and Water Conservation District Earthworks staff do really good work and make sure the program is being controlled properly.

- MCM 5 – Post-Construction Storm Water Management – These are methods to control storm water after site development. The District performed 67 plan reviews and 16 sites required a post construction best management practice. Not every site that gets developed requires these.

- MCM 6 – Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention – The District practices what it preaches and educates municipal and township staff. There were 290 government facility management staff educated this year and 69 facilities inspected. Hamilton County Public Health helps the District perform the training and inspections. A sign that the education is working has been evidenced by the fact that some of the complaints that are coming into the District are coming from same individuals that the District has been educating.

Answer: Mr. Long responded that the agreement stipulates this. Mr. Long stated that the District has had a number of communities return left over money because they completed the projects for less than the amount awarded.

6) **Further Announcements:**

A) Next Meeting Dates:

- Oversight Board Work Session, May 26, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in Springfield Township

- Oversight Board Meeting; June 23, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. in Springfield Township

B) Copy of the 2016 meeting schedule is on the table in the back of the room.

7) **Other Business:**

A) Mr. Long announced that Chris Cotton (Ohio EPA Southwest District Storm Water Manager) is leaving Ohio EPA effective May 15, 2106. His replacement is an Ohio EPA staff person, Michelle Flanagan, with previous experience in air compliance. There has been an offer extended to meet with her.

B) The Rain Barrel Art Project and Party for the Planet is at the Cincinnati Zoo tonight. This is one of the District's public involvement projects. Auction for the barrels will close at 8 PM

Question from the floor: Can Mr. Long provide an update on the status of pursuing the balance of dollars owed by Cincinnati or others?

Answer: Mr. Long responded that Cincinnati paid what they felt was their fair share. There are discussions with the Prosecutor on how to pursue obtaining the difference between that and their billed fee. He mentioned that he is looking into one other community as well.

8) **Adjournment:**

With no further business, the 74th Oversight Board meeting was adjourned by Chairman Honerlaw. The meeting concluded at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore B. Hubbard, P.E.-P.S.
Secretary/Treasurer for HCSWD

Please refer to agenda packet for schedule details