

SWEET Meeting Minutes
Monday July 10, 2023 at 10:30am
This meeting was held virtually and in person.

Present: Kriste Lindberg (CBU), Trohn Enright-Randolph (MC Surveyors Office), Hannah Martin (Soil and Water, Rebecca Swift (City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation) and Adam Rickert (MC MS4).

1. Call to Order

2. Big Collaboration Items (those needing group discussion)

1. Agency and Department Updates

- a. The Go Green District (Elisa Pokral)
 - i. For the 2023 MC Fair, about 200 people entered the Solid Waste District's raffle to potentially win a rain barrel or compost bin.

- b. City of Bloomington MS4 (Kriste Lindberg)
 - i. CBU is looking into producing a monthly or quarterly stormwater newsletter. Discussion of elements within a potential newsletter occurred and the desire to collaborate and share content for articles. Everyone present during the meeting expressed their support for developing a newsletter. Hannah mentioned when she worked for Lawrence County, she was part of an organization similar to SWEET and the partnering organizations would use a blank template type newsletter with everyone's logo on it. Whenever the Lawrence County organization sent out a newsletter, it was a collaborative or a communal effort. Trohn has had an idea of a SWSWSW or Storm Water, Soil and Water and Solid Waste for some time and this could possibly be used as a basis for a newsletter.
 - ii. Residential Stormwater grant application deadline is September 1, 2023.
 - iii. CBU is working on two Adopt A Drain Projects with one through MCCSC, Bloomington South High School and the other within a neighborhood, Park Ridge.
 - iv. CBU is moving forward with adopting a segment of Clear Creek (Adopt A Stream program) near West Gordon Pike along the former site of the Winston Thomas Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 - v. Kriste has been asked to serve on the Climate Change Task Force through the Department of Economic and Sustainable Development.
 - vi. Landscape Education Workshop is scheduled for July 26, 2023 at Switchyard Park.
 - vii. Kriste is attending the LTAP conference later in the week.
 - viii. Indiana Water Summit is scheduled for August 10-11, 2023.

- c. City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation (Rebecca Swift)
 - i. Hoosier Riverwatch Basic Training is scheduled for Sunday July 30th over a 5 hour timeframe. Autumn Brunelle is co-hosting the training with Rebecca. There is a link to pre-register on the agenda and pre-registering is required so that Rebecca and Autumn can track how much materials they need to bring.
 - ii. Bugfest is scheduled for September 23rd from 10-2 (at Karst Farm Park) and Parks and Recreation is seeking exhibitors. Dylan Allison, Hoosier Riverwatch Coordinator with IDEM has made a soft commitment to travel down and table for macroinvertebrates in the event that no one local is able to attend.
 - iii. World Rivers Day is scheduled for Sunday September 24th and a clean up event of Clear Creek at Switchyard Park from 1 to 3. The free event will be promoted in City of Bloomington's Fall Program Guide. Trohn suggested possibly utilizing MC Technical Services Division to send out a countywide email to promote both Bugfest and the World Rivers Day clean up event.

- d. Monroe County Soil and Water (Hannah Martin)
 - i. For the 2023 MC Fair, attendance and foot traffic by the Soil and Water table were both pretty good. Hannah reported almost 500 Black Eyed seed packets were distributed.
 - ii. Also during the Fair, Soil and Water created a watershed map of the county and encouraged fair attendees to place colored dots on their location. Within the watershed map, there were different categories of forest conservation, water conservation, soil conservation and wildlife. The watershed map received a lot of attention in that people were excited to see what was in their watershed and for Soil and Water to see what watersheds and category received the most interest.
 - iii. Hannah indicated she has accepted a teaching position with the Medora Community Schools and would like to utilize MC resources to promote the Resource Technician position with the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District. Trohn indicated he would like to see what resources MC could utilize to better coordinate with MC Soil and Water.

- e. Monroe County Highway Department, MS4 (Adam Rickert)
 - i. 500, 2024 Stormwater calendars were printed prior to the 2023 MC Fair with over 400 calendars distributed during the fair. Attendance and foot traffic by the Stormwater Program's table was pretty good.

- f. Monroe County Surveyors Office (Trohn Enright-Randolph)
 - i. Trohn is attending the LTAP Drainage Conference and is looking forward to coordinating with other county surveyors.

2. Public Input

- a. No public comment.

3. Adjournment

- a. Date of Next Meeting: Monday August 14, 2023 at 10:30am, HYBRID
 - i. Zoom link remains the same. In-person will be held in room 100B.