

## **SWEET Meeting Minutes**

Monday October 9, 2023 at 10:30am

This meeting was held virtually and in person.

Meeting Recording: [https://monroecounty-in.zoom.us/rec/share/e8y1SdoukYr75WKd4nWfJKE26p2wH4UJT6TyWrrU2X8\\_ChxIN29Z1GM\\_NxBliVSRn.5RJP9t5OsLVwSewU](https://monroecounty-in.zoom.us/rec/share/e8y1SdoukYr75WKd4nWfJKE26p2wH4UJT6TyWrrU2X8_ChxIN29Z1GM_NxBliVSRn.5RJP9t5OsLVwSewU)

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**Present:** Elisa Pokral (MC Solid Waste District), Kriste Lindberg (City of Bloomington Utilities) and Adam Rickert (MC MS4)

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. Big Collaboration Items (those needing group discussion)**

- a. Stormwater Environmental Education Team (SWEET) Meeting Minutes Newsletter/Flyer
  - i. Distribute as 1-2 page pdf through social medias
- b. Monroe County Community School Corporation (MCCSC) & Richland-Bean Blossom (RBB) Community School Corporation
  - i. Work more with schools in the future
    1. Class Activities - In August, Elisa sends a shortened form describing age-level material to superintendents and teachers to be distributed to their educational contacts. People respond back and the academic year gets booked. If I don't get enough bookings, it is sent out again in December. MCCSC also posts a flyer year-round on their site for teachers. To be scheduled with teachers, it is important to get to them early as teachers plan around certain commitments each year. Another option, if bookings are light, is to schedule a principal's meeting and request for superintendent to attend, but be ready to present and be knowledgeable about standards because those might be requested. Person in charge of curriculum, maybe Elizabeth Johnson, is a good contact to include in the e-mail list when reaching out to MCCSC. One interactive climate change activity for high school was denied by staff managing curriculum at MCCSC and not RBB, so be prepared that some content might already be covered by existing STEM or science activities in the school curriculum. Environmental Clubs at High School
    2. Environmental Clubs - Introduction to Hoosier Riverwatch may be good for high school level and might be more successful here

versus a class activity. Amanda Figola is the person that heads the club at Bloomington High School South (BHSS).

3. STEM Bus - MCCSC reached out to Elisa and expressed interest in program activities but that so far hasn't moved forward

c. New SWEET Meeting Date/Time

- i. Adam will send out Survey Monkey to narrow down date/time that works best for the group. Elisa suggested sending out a reminder the morning of the meeting that includes the meeting link.

### 3. Agency and Department Updates

a. Monroe County MS4 (Adam Rickert)

- i. STEAM Night at The Academy of Science and Entrepreneurship - Adam and Kriste tabled at the event, Adam talked about stormwater and macroinvertebrates to attendees.
- ii. MS4 Permit - at next meeting Adam would like to discuss the MS4 General Permit and how stakeholders are important to meeting goals of the permit

b. The Go Green District (Elisa Pokral)

- i. MCCSC & RBB - Elisa said bookings are back to normal, except for Child's Elementary which had been involved in bookings for years. She hasn't been able to book at RBB in years, but this year is booked with them again.
- ii. Bird Fest - Coming up on Saturday, October 21st, 10 am - 2 pm, open to the public at Karst Farm Park, Elisa will have a district table there and will talk about household hazardous waste and re-wilding, and will also promote Adopt-a-Road

c. City of Bloomington MS4 (Kriste Lindberg)

- i. Residential Stormwater Grants - We are in the process of making decisions on 2023 round and getting word out
- ii. Adopt-a-Drain - We are also trying to get the word out and working on project with Bloomington High School South
- iii. Adopt-a-Stream - We have officially adopted a section of Clear Creek, just north of the bridge at Gordon Pike
- iv. Hoosier Riverwatch - Staff went through training about a month ago
- v. MCCSC - We are starting to work more with the schools
- vi. 2023 INAFSM Conference 9/13-9/15 - attended
- vii. Pond Management Workshop 9/27/23 - attended

d. Friends of Lake Monroe (Maggie Sullivan)

- i. Monroe Lake Appreciation Week 10/16 - 10/22 - Check out Facebook page for events <https://www.facebook.com/events/1328515821416699>

- ii. Conservation Across Generations Field Day - October 20th, focusing on cover crops <https://www.friendsoflakemonroe.org/events-page/conservation-across-generations-field-day-at-valley-view-farms>

#### **4. Public Input**

- a. No public input

#### **5. Reminders**

- a. Tabling Collaboration - If you would like to coordinate to share tabling responsibilities at an upcoming event, post it to the [Event Calendar Spreadsheet](#) with a description, and note who has grouped together. Please also add it to the agenda for our next meeting, if there is time to do so, or send a note to the group that it is an option.

#### **6. Adjournment**

- a. Date of Next Meeting: Monday November 13, 2023 at 10:30am, HYBRID
  - i. Zoom links will be sent. In-person will be held in room 100B.