

Water Steering Team
Minutes
July 11, 2006
10-12:00 pm

OPEN

Introductions - Minutes

Harlan Higginbotham opened the meeting. Introductions were made. The June 6, 2006 Water Steering Team minutes were read by Jerri Dearmont and approved on a consensus vote. Currently, there are a total of 16 members on the Water Steering Team. The Team is lacking one member from Daviess County.

Harlan Higginbotham reminded the team if any member is absent three meetings in a row, the member may be replaced at the discretion of all other members. The Team will allow conference calls and teleconference voting. The Team will only vote on a needed basis, otherwise it will be on a consensus basis.

Symposium II

On Thursday, June 29, 2006, Symposium II was held at Northwest Missouri State University, Ballroom. Approximately 80 people were in attendance. There were questions asked at the Symposium II about development needs for local water providers, board members and local citizens. Christie Turpin distributed a list of those questions to all who were in attendance and recommendations will be made to the list. Christie also asked for additional names of people who can help with this plan at the symposium and eight counties and four new names were added to the list.

UPCOMING EVENTS – JULY

Tool Kits

Marsha will meet with several engineers after this meeting today to discuss data collection.

The Tool Kits are to be completed soon. Christie asked what the Team would like to see in the Tool Kit. The following is a list to be included in the Kit:

- 1) Map of County that shows wells
- 2) Current DNR information
- 3) Names, Addresses & Phone Numbers
- 4) Mission Statement – Responsibilities
- 5) Questions to ask them
- 6) List of what you should say and NOT say
- 7) Why this team has formed

The Team needs to set goals or have a projected time line. Need to know what the supply is, demands and cost to the people. There are 85 to 95 water systems located in the 12 counties. How many people are served and not served?

Need to get news articles to the 12 local newspapers to let them know what is going on. The logo is now finished and need to get information out to the media. This can be accomplished through the NWMSU system.

Data Collection

Currently have outdated or old information. Breck Summerford will get with the engineers to get a good finished questionnaire about water. Marsha stated DNR is speaking with someone in the financial funding department with DNR to assist with the data collection. This person will be reassigned to work with this team.

It was suggested several times to ask Daryl Hobbs to come and speak. Mike Wells with DNR has been asked to help. DNR will also hire specialists/professionals to get this information. It was asked, does the team want to assist or partner with this questionnaire with the specialists/professionals? Dave Williams mentioned mailing out to specific people to answer these questions and then visit with others. Dave will proceed with this process.

Seminar

Christie suggested holding a seminar in August. There are two ladies from Iowa that present on small water systems. After much discussion, the seminar was placed on hold.

UPCOMING EVENTS – AUGUST

Town Hall Meetings

Bev Maltzberger compiled a list of town hall meetings for the month of August throughout the 12 counties. The meetings will give a brief overview of what the steering team is doing as well as ask for their input as to how it will help their community. Press releases will be sent to the media using the logo and a letter explaining the press release. Direct mailings to each county and city will also be sent. Bev and Christie will both facilitate the meetings. The dates of these meetings may need to be changes if the presentations are not ready.

AUGUST MEETING

Ideas for a speaker for the next meeting were American Water in St. Joseph or Northwest Missouri Wholesale Water Commission. The Team heard from Brock Pfof in regards to Nodaway County. The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, from 10-12 pm, in Meeting Room B.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.