

MINUTES
Black Creek Watershed Coalition
Monday, July 22, 2002
Bergen Town Hall

Present: Mary Arnold, Town of Parma; Dorothy Borgus, Town of Riga; Donna Alder, Roberts Wesleyan College; Carole Beal, Monroe County Department of Health; Rochelle Bell, Monroe County Department of Planning and Development; Barbara Drake, Bergen Swamp Preservation Society; Bob Eichenberger, Town of Byron; Dario Marchioni, Town of Chili Planning Board; Robert Remillard, USDA NRCS, Lake Plains RC&D; Bob Patterson, Town of Bergen; Paula Smith, Monroe County SWCD; George Squires, Genesee County SWCD; Bob Wilkins, Monroe County Farmland & Agriculture Advisory Board and James Zollweg, SUNY Brockport

1. Introductions, Assignment of Roles

Bob Wilkins was chair, Rochelle Bell was scribe and George Squires was timekeeper.

2. Introduce consultant and explain contract requirements

Jim Zollweg introduced himself and told us about his education and experience in watershed science, hydrology and teaching. He told the group about Mark Noll's experience in hydrogeology and hazardous materials and Whitney Autin's experience in soils, surficial geology, zoning and planning. Whitney is a member of the Sweden Conservation Board. Jim will be the Coalition's primary contact for the State of the Basin work.

Jim described the information he had already gathered for the report and passed around a copy of a digital elevation model of the watershed. From this map he came up with a precise watershed boundary (based on elevation); the map can also be used to analyze flow paths, discharge and velocity. If you want to do your own data collection, Jim suggested you talk to him first to assure the easiest transfer of data.

Rochelle explained that the contract for professional services would be between Monroe County and the SUNY Brockport Research Foundation.

3. Review draft work plans for consultant and BCWC

A draft workplan and timelines were distributed. The workplan will be included with the contract.

The workplan combines the outline and resource list.

Rochelle will make the following additions:

Pg. 2, Water Quality, B2 Jim Seiler is contact for the Genesee County NRCS
Martin Culik is contact for the Genesee County CCE
Add DEC (Matt Gillette)

Add DEC to surface water runoff and sanitary and industrial discharge, too.
Add Bob Patterson, Byron & Bergen planning and zoning

Everyone should get additional comments to Rochelle.

The MC SWCD has identified four or five severe erosion spots. Paula will send Jim GIS coordinates for each erosion spot identified in the watershed.

Rochelle will e-mail Jim access file with BCWC/resource contacts monthly.

4. Update municipal representatives table and review draft letter to introduce consultant

Carole will send a letter to the municipalities, CCEs, SWCDs, and Planning Departments to introduce Jim, Mark and Whitney. Send her your comments on the letter.

Jim pointed out that they will need to talk to five or six people in each town to get the information they need. They would like the municipal representatives to be well connected in town.

5. Update resource list

Comments incorporated into workplan.

6. Update on IMA with Wyoming and Orleans Counties

In Orleans County the SWCD Board decided their legislative representative would refer it to the legislature. Wyoming County isn't doing anything with the IMA yet. The Town of Middlebury is the only Wyoming County town in that county. In Genesee County, the SWCD legislative representative is taking it to the public service committee and then to the legislature.

Carole will send the IMA with all four counties to the Monroe County lawyer.

7. Announcements, action items, date, location and agenda for next meeting

- Action items are underlined in the text.
- The next meeting will be Monday, August 19, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in Chili
- The location will be at the Chili Library or Town Hall. Dorothy will contact the Town and then call Rochelle.
- The agenda will include developing goals and objectives, website and newsletter.
Carole will bring list of concerns and threats.
Carole and Rochelle will ask Jim how much time he'd like on each agenda for a progress report.
Robert will bring information on using the Genesee Gateway as a website host.

Bob Wilkins addressed concerns previously voiced about hiring a group as consultant to the BCWC for the State of the Basin Report and about professors having students do the work: In this case, Jim Zollweg is clearly taking the lead on the project and so working with the group will be easy, and Jim indicated that students will have a small part in the project.