

TMACOG
PORTAGE RIVER BASIN COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, January 20, 2011
Pemberville Public Library, Pemberville, OH

Call to Order/Welcome – Jim Sass, Vice-Chair, PRBC, began the meeting. Those in attendance are so noted on the sign-in sheet.

Approval of Minutes- Jim Rickenberg, Wood County SWCD, entertained a motion for the minutes of the October 21, 2010 PRBC meeting be approved, as well as, the agenda for today's meeting. Doug Clark, City of Bowling Green, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Work Plan- Elaine Moebius presented council with a copy of the annual work plan. The work plan outlines objectives and goals for the upcoming year for the PRBC. Volunteers were requested to help Ms. Moebius in reviewing and revising the plan. The plan needs to be complete by the next PRBC meeting, with action for approval to be taken. Volunteers would meet 2 or 3 times, before April to discuss. Virginia Parks, Gordon Bowman, and Gene Steel volunteered.

Watershed Plan- Elaine Moebius gave a report on the status of the Watershed Plan. The Plan that was submitted to ODNR in December 2010, was not approved.

Ms. Moebius met with ODNR to review necessary steps to get the Plan approved. Step by step directions were given for the completion of one HUC (the North Branch will be used as a template) by January 31, 2011. Once the HUC is approved, work will begin on the other HUCs to mirror the North Branch. The complete Watershed Plan must be submitted for final endorsement by June 30, 2011. A few of the problem areas were: insufficient live stock counts, soil maps, complete/accurate problem statements, sediment load reduction information needs to be quantified and calculated, summary sheet missing, and review questions needs to be individually answered. Ms. Moebius will keep council informed of the progress at next meeting.

TMDL Report – Katie McKibben, ODNR, reported. The TMDL report needs to be complete this calendar year. The report is on schedule for a complete draft plan to be ready for public review and comment. Ideally, a public meeting could be set up concurrent or near the next PRBC meeting. Input is needed from the external technical groups, such as the health departments, county engineers, soil and water, and others active in advising with the Watershed Plan. The TMDL states what status the river is in and what needs to be done to get the river back in attainment. The TMDL should coincide with the Watershed Plan.

Pemberville Water Treatment Plant Tour- The council took a tour of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant conducted by Brian Heestad, sewer superintendant and Landry Sheets, wastewater plant operator. The new Pemberville Wastewater Treatment Plant is a sequencing batch reactor facility that was operational in early 2011. Field trip participants learned that the new \$2.5 million plant was built to increase the wet weather capacity and yield better water quality results than the previous oxidation ditch system. The new system uses ultraviolet light to disinfect the effluent and the sludge removed from the wastewater during the treatment process and is applied to agricultural land.

Future Meeting – The next meeting of the Portage River Basin Council will be held **April 21, 2010, Elmore Firestation, Elmore, OH.**

Adjourn – Hearing no other business, and no public comment, Jim Sass, Vice-Chair; adjourned the meeting.