

Minutes / Meeting Summary

Date: 11-17-15

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission
Stoutsville, MO

Type: Our Missouri Waters, North Fork Salt River Watershed Meeting #2

The meeting was opened with lunch at noon.

Attendees totaled 27.

Alan Winders, Planner with the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments, provided the welcome and opening remarks. Attendees introduced themselves. Alan thanked Mark McNally of the CCWWC for their hospitality and recognized elected official Glen Eagan from Shelby County, Byran Nichols from Congressman Graves office and Dave Davison from the Northeast Regional Planning Commission. Alan thanked all in attendance.

Mark McNally, General Manager of the Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission, made a presentation regarding the CCWWC. The presentation included information about the history and current status of the commission as well as the geographic service area. Mark detailed the treatment process and layout. He covered some various challenges presented in treating water from Mark Twain Lake and how variables related to water clarity and nutrient loading impacted the treatment process and costs.

Mary Culler, Environmental Specialist, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, explained that the Healthy Watershed Planning effort was about collaboration, cooperation and partnership. Mary presented the end purpose of the series of watershed meetings, which is to ultimately form a local Watershed Advisory Committee for the watershed. Through the local Watershed Advisory Committee,

we are trying to identify the issues and concerns in the watershed, and the goals and recommended next steps of the committee. Mary explained her role in assisting to set up the watershed meetings and explained that she is one resource for trying to implement some of the goals decided by the committee. Mary said that the watershed is special in that it is a drinking water watershed, and so it is eligible for more funding than other watersheds.

Dan Obrecht, Senior Research Associate with the University of Missouri, presented information about the quality of the water in Mark Twain Lake. The presentation covered nutrients, algae, sediment and turbidity along with their relationships. Additionally, Dan compared Mark Twain Lake with other Missouri lakes using many years of data and data from numerous sites.

Scott Allen, with the Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission, gave the group a tour of the water plant which covered various aspects of the process and how water quality affects the treatment process. Following the tour, the group returned to the meeting room.

Alan Winders reiterated that the transition to a participant led effort would continue and that the next meeting would include participation in addition to presentation. The comments from index cards and surveys taken at the initial meetings in Kirksville and Shelbina were distributed to the group. The floor was opened for general discussion about things that struck us as important and what information the group felt was needed going forward. Specifically, discussed were possible presentations from other watershed groups, perhaps a stream biologist, making information available for farmers, stream team efforts and ensuring the necessary people were involved like City personnel. Appreciation of this effort was voiced by an attendee as this was seen as a way to stay ahead of the curve for the future.

The next meeting will be on December 16, 2015 at the Boudreaux Visitors Center. Time to be announced. Invitations will be via email.

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:30 pm.