

Executive Steering Council

Action Items

January 14, 2009

1:30 – 3:30 pm

Technology Innovation Center (map attached)

Room 114

Welcome and Introductions

Karen Sands, MMSD (for Kevin Shafer); Ann Beier, Scott Mathie, Christine Nuernberg, Reggie Newson, Neil Palmer were excused. All other Council members present. Tim Bate and Bernadette Berdes-MMSD and Marcia Burzynski-WI DNR were guests.

1) Review December 8th Meeting Action Items-Accepted

2) Update Science Advisory Committee:

Val Klump, Bill Krill and Pat Marchese have been working on leading the Committee. A meeting is scheduled for **January 20th from 2:00-4:00pm at the SEWRPC office at the Innovation Technology Center**. Jenny Plumeau from Cedarburg Science and Dr, Jennifer Runquist from the Medical College have agreed to serve on the Committee. The ESC agreed to close the Science Advisory Committee membership for now.

3) Discussion: Waukesha Water Utility Request to WDNR

The ESC agreed to hear a presentation by Dan Duchniak, Executive Director of the Waukesha Water Utility at the February 11th meeting. The ESC will not endorse the material presented. The ESC will convene a small sub-committee to develop a scope for and provide guidance to the Science Committee, and WATs will review this issue. SWWT will then refer Duchniak to the technical people (Science Committee) because the issue impacts the development of the WRPs. The Science committee could review a range of alternatives or proposed options that Waukesha is considering. SWWT should be a means for helping shape issues through science and not be political. Marchese will invite Duchniak to the February 11th meeting, discuss the timing and scheduling of our process with him and provide him with our policy and procedures.

4) Discussion: Dishwasher Detergent Phosphorus Ban

Kevin Shafer put this on the agenda as an informational only item. Tabled until February 11th meeting.

5) Discussion: O & M procedures on MMSD – jurisdictional channels

Jurisdictional channels may be a component of the WRP. This issue will be brought up at the next WAT meeting. Good education is needed at that level. This is a policy issue for the policy committee. WATs then need to bring the “issue” or a “proposal” to the policy committee.

6) Discussion: Letter of Support or Endorsement

Pat reviewed the attached informational document; Marchese will incorporate Grisa’s suggested changes. Frank suggested clarifying that the requesting party needs to draft the letter, not SWWT. SWWT is not “**new**” anymore. The Regional Plan Summary needs to have a footnote reference or be cited. ESC agreed to have the document, with changes, go in the Policies and Procedures and be posted on the website.

7) Discussion of: Background Summary; Linked goals; 3-year plan

Tabled until the February 11th meeting.

8) Status Reports:

a. Sweet Water Trust Website – Nancy Frank

Frank is acting Webmaster and some web corrections still need to be made. Email corrections to Bernadette.

b. Joyce Foundation Grant – Peter McAvoy

The Joyce Foundation liked SWWT’s proposal but are reducing our overall budget request from \$2.7 million over 3 years to \$1.9 million or \$650 thousand per year for 3 years. The NGOs will propose a revised budget that reflects this reduction and email the proposed changes and revised budget to the ESC. The SWWT administration will be reduced from 1.5 to 1 FTE and some of the funding for committee support will be cut or reduced. The revised proposal and budget are due to Joyce on January 23rd. The Joyce staff will then recommend the proposal to the Board for funding in March. The Board will make the final decision in April. SWWT needs to be looking at other funding sources to support this project work and the Joyce Foundation will help us with other funders.

9) Chairman's Report

Marchese and McAvoy will outline the Council key charges or work for the Policy Committee and develop a list of potential members to serve on this Committee for the next ESC meeting. Council members should email suggestions to Marchese.

Phil Evenson has retired from SEWRPC and Ken Yunker will replace him on the Council.

10) Executive Steering Council Topic Briefings-None

11) Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2009

12) Adjourn- Meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.