

DRAFT – Minutes
Barr Milton Watershed Association I/E Meeting
March 18th, 2010 – Barr Lake Nature Center

Attendees:

Steve Lundt – Metro Wastewater
Mary Dawson – City of Aurora
Michelle Seubert – Barr Lake

Guests:

George Patten – Integral Consulting, Inc.

I. Opening

The meeting opened and with group members signing in and approving minutes from the last I/E Committee meeting on January 8th 2010.

II. Newsletter

The group shifted to discussions about the recently printed winter 2010 issue of the newsletter, the Barrimeter. A question was raised about how the newsletter will be distributed to stakeholders. Currently, the newsletter was placed as a link on the BMW website for visitors to download and view in PDF form. About 30 hard copies of the newsletter were also sent via standard mail to a list of key stakeholders and stakeholder organizations. Other copies of the newsletter will be placed at member organizations including Barr Lake State Park Nature Center and Metro Wastewater. The question was asked whether the newsletter had been distributed electronically, to which the answer was no.

*George Patten of Integral will distribute newsletter to stakeholders via e-mail.

III. Outreach

The group moved on to discuss the most recent Stakeholder meeting and the usage of the BMW TMDL presentation as an outreach tool. Steve Lundt of Metro Wastewater indicated that the presentation was given at the last Stormwater Council meeting by Laurie Rink of FRICO for about 1 hour to about 25 people. This information will be used to track outreach progress for the TMDL.

* George to enter presentation information into tracking.

Michelle Seubert of Barr Lake also discussed the possibility of giving the presentation to State Park managers at one of their monthly meetings. The group moved on to discussion about other outreach opportunities including the upcoming Fish Derby at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

IV. Lakes Appreciation

The group discussed preparation work for the upcoming Lakes Appreciation Day at Barr Lake State Park on July 18th. Steve indicated that he had contacted Americorps to inquire about their interest in providing volunteers at the event. The group also discussed the Adams County Open Space grant which will be used to help fund the facilitation of the event. Steve also mentioned that he hadn't contacted CLRMA yet about their interest in sponsoring the event. Michelle indicated that she has a list of sponsors from previous years for Lake Appreciation Day.

V. Next Stakeholder Meeting

The group then discussed the upcoming Stakeholder meeting and any necessary preparations for the meeting. Potential speakers will likely include the new Coordinators who will provide an introduction for themselves. Other items for discussion at the meeting will likely include the draft TMDL and draft implementation plan possibly led by Sarah Reeves of SPCURE. More details on the Stakeholder meeting will be discussed at the next BMW Board meeting.

VI. Next Newsletter

The group discussed potential articles for the next issue of the BMW newsletter for Spring 2010. One idea was to create a report on the DIA sewage spill that occurred on March 17th. The new version of the TMDL will also be developed around this time and would be good to highlight in the next issue.

Another would be to mention river cleanup opportunities for people to get involved within the watershed. More ideas included:

- Article describing the new Coordinators, Amy Conklin and Susan Thornton.
- Watershed Tour
- Lakes Appreciation

VII. TMDL Presentation

Steve mentioned to the group that the presentation will be used by Dennis Stowe today at a meeting (March 18th). Steve also indicated a good addition to the presentation will be a wasteload allocation table, which has been created for the draft TMDL and could be incorporated into the presentation. There is about \$20,000 left in the grant which could be used for outreach activities or enhanced presentations by the group. Ideas for ways to use the funds effectively were discussed, including at a possible Mayor's convention or other outreach opportunities. Steve indicated that this subject would be discussed at the next Board meeting as well.

Other Meetings: Mary Dawson of Aurora will investigate giving the presentation at City of Aurora. Steve will be helping to organize the South Platte Forum this year and could potentially fit a presentation into the schedule. This event will occur on October 21st – 22nd, 2010.

*George will investigate more watershed events that are upcoming and that may be targeted for presentations.

VIII. Watershed Tour

The group discussed the upcoming watershed tour and some potential ideas for the event. One idea was to potentially involve the stormwater council in the tour along with BMW members, or to gain insight from them for the tour. Another idea was to somehow incorporate TMDL outreach into the tour. Steve mentioned his idea to organize a trip on the South Platte River Trolley that begins at REI.

*Steve will investigate the options for the Trolley as part of the Watershed Tour.

IX. Conclusion

At this point, the meeting reached the end of the agenda and was adjourned. The next meeting of the I/E Committee is scheduled for May 20th 2010.