



TTK Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 5th, 2016

6:30 – 7:15 p.m. EST

Hoosier Energy Environmental Education Center

Attendees: Josh Brosmer, IDEM, Charles Haney, Hoosier Energy, Laura Demarest, WCIWA Watershed Coordinator

Introduction

Refreshments were provided by Hoosier Energy; meeting updates and discussions were brief due to the small number of attendees.

- **Status of Ongoing Projects**

- **TTK Budget** – An overview of the current budget and match goals was provided. To date, the TTK grant is on schedule when it comes to funds utilized and is projected to exceed match goals by the end of the grant. In addition, the TTK Implementation grant, which includes an additional \$200,000 allocated for cost-share will be executed in the near future.
- **TTK Cost-Share Program** – The TTK Cost-Share program, recently approved, has been a success. All cover crop bills from the fall planting have been paid and over 1,000 acres of cover crops were planted in critical areas. Ongoing promotion continues – please tell your friends and neighbors!
- **Clean Water Indiana Grant** – Funding was awarded to Sullivan and Clay County SWCDs for select BMPs to be implemented in chosen watersheds. Priority will be given to projects adjacent to impaired streams and for new farmers. A total of \$72,000 split between counties will be available for the next three years. These CWI funds are a great opportunity for match projects in the Turtle Creek and Kelley Bayou (non-critical) watersheds.
- **LARE Grant application** – No news at this time regarding whether or not this application has been funded.
- **IAW Grant wrap-up** – As featured in the most recent TTK Spring newsletter, the Indiana American Water Environmental Grant has been concluded and a final report submitted to IAW officials. \$1,130 was awarded for improvements throughout the Town of Merom and the Merom Bluff Park. Approximately \$3,200 in in-kind volunteer contributions was tabulated – great job, everyone!

Event Planning

For the remainder of the TTK 319 Planning and Implementation grant, two major tasks need to be completed: a regional water-quality field day and a public demonstration of a Best Management Practices. Ideas for both are in their early planning stages. Details are as follows:

- **TTK Wabash River Field Day Float:** Posey County SWCD conducts a similar field day each summer, so Coordinator Carrie Parmenter was consulted for information. A date for this event has been set for August 20th, 2016 with a possible back-up date of August 27th if enough key committee members have a conflict with the primary date. Hoosier Energy was asked to consider assisting with the end of canoe trip cookout at the Merom Bluff Park. The potential route from Hutsonville to Merom will be scouted this summer. If this route is too short, there is also the possibility of launching from a site near Riverview. This event will be discussed extensively at our next TTK Advisory Committee meeting in June.
- **TTK Cover Crop Demo Plot:** Key planning members for this project were not in attendance so further discussion will be deferred until the June meeting. In summary, it will be a cover crop demo plot with seed donated by Byron Seeds dealer, Darin Cox. Joe Freeze volunteered his field near Farmersburg and Highway 41 for use. Large signs, reading something like, "PLANT" "COVER" "CROPS" "FOR" "SOIL" "HEALTH" will be installed.

Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, June 28th at 6:30 pm

Meetings are held in the Hoosier Energy Environmental Education Center, south of the Turtle Creek Reservoir, west of Sullivan, IN.