

Meeting Summary for Copano Bay Watershed Stakeholder Facilitation

August 1, 2012

5:30 – 7:30

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Almaraz	Beth	Nueces River Authority
Barber	Mike	Papalote Ranch
Beall	Richard	McFaddin Enterprises
Berthold	Allen	TWRI
Blackwell	Will	USDA-NRCS
Blankenship	Terry	Welder Wildlife Foundation
Brown	Mike	Town of Bayside
Chaney	Jack	Aransas County
Clayton	Brent	Agrilife
Cox	Delbert	Regugio Co. Citizen
Dierlam	Larry	Martin O' Connor CC
Dodson	James	Naismith Engineering
Easton Smith	Ginger	AgriLife Extension- Aransas Co.
Freund	Rocky	Nueces River Authority
Gayle	Bob. B	
Gravens	Chico	Landowner
Hicks	Kristin	Mission-Aransas NERR
Huegele	Brett	McFaddin Enterprises
Husfman	Van	Landowner
Keefe	Joe	O'Conner Brothers
Koch	Brian	TSSWCB
Madden	Kiersten	Mission-Aransas NERR
McGuill	J.D	Copano Bay SWCD- #329
McKee	David	
McKibben	James	
Morehead	Sally	NERR
Noack	Kyle	
Proctor	Bland	
Pustka	Joe	Martin O'Conner Cattle
Ruble	Kelly	TCEQ-Corpus Christi
Sugarek	Sam	Nueces River Authority
Thomas	Richard	Hamilton, Edwards, Carson, and Ford counties
Thomas	Robert	
Trevino	David	USDA/WS
Vega	Sonny	USDA-NRCS
Wagner	Kevin	TWRI
Ward	Richard	Rubbins Farms
Wolff	Leroy	USDA-NRCS

Meeting Attendees:

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Meeting Minutes

The Copano Bay Watershed Stakeholder meeting began with a welcome and introductions by Allen Berthold as well as brief overview of what was going to be discussed at the meeting. Allen then proceeded to give a presentation where an overview of topics discussed to date, the reasons that stakeholder structure is important and how it encourages involvement, what the preferred stakeholder framework was from the last meeting, what the roles of each group (full stakeholder group, coordination committee, and workgroups) were, and the specific roles of each of the workgroups (agricultural and wildlife, wastewater, technical advisory, and education and outreach) decided at the last meeting are.

Kevin Wagner then proceeded to gain input on what type of representation (various sectors) was needed for the Coordination Committee and gain input on who needed to be involved in the coordination committee. It was decided by the stakeholders that it would be better to break into the workgroups (which was on the agenda) before we decide who needs to be on the Coordination committee.

The stakeholders then broke into two workgroups, Agricultural and Wildlife and Wastewater to begin discussing management measures that would go into the implementation Plan. Allen went with the Wastewater Workgroup and Kevin went with the Agriculture and Wildlife. Below are minutes from each of the workgroups.

Finally, the group came back together and began discussing members for the Coordination Committee. Recommendations for the Committee were given and TWRI will begin making contact with those that were not present at the meeting. The group tentatively decided that the Coordination Committee will be made up of the following:

- 1 of each county representation wastewater (5)
- Oyster/Shrimp and County Commissioner – Bubba Casterline (1)
- Coastal Fisheries – Karen Meador/Chris Mace (1)
- Wildlife – Kirk Feuerbacher, **Schott Mitchell**, TPWD, Brett Huegele (1)
- Agriculture (8)

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Wastewater Workgroup

Attendees:

Jack Chaney – Aransas County

Sally Morehead Palmer

Rocky Freund - NRA

Mike Brown – City of Bayside

Brent Clayton - AgriLife

Allen Berthold - TWRI

Kelly Ruble – TCEQ Corpus Christi

In the Wastewater Workgroup, the group began by discussing who else needs to be involved in the workgroup, the best method to get in touch with them, and the best time of day to have workgroup meetings. TCEQ Region 14 is sending TWRI a list of contacts to assist TWRI in recruiting workgroup members. Also, it was determined that during working hours would encourage involvement.

Additionally, to initiate involvement, it was suggested that meetings be scheduled with individual cities. The workgroup suggested getting in contact with supervisors of WWTPs, Directors of public works, and mayors. Finally, to address the OSSF concern, it was advised that TWRI get in contact with county health inspectors. Further discussing specific wastewater management measures, it was determined that three priority areas be focused on which were OSSF, WWTP, and urban stormwater. The group suggested that an individual that can serve dual purposes (represent cities, counties, and WWTPs) be appointed to the Coordination Committee

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Agricultural and Wildlife

Bob Gayle - Landowner

Will Blackwell – USDA-NRCS

Mike Barber – Papalote Ranch

David Trevino – USDA-WS

J.D. McGuill - CBSWCD

Chico Cravens – landowner

Richard Ward – Robbins Farm

Joe Pustka – Martin O'Connor Cattle

Joe Keefe – O'Connor Brothers

Van Husfman – Landowner

Ginger Easton Smith – AgriLife Extension

Robert Thomas

Kevin Wagner - TWRI

James Dodson – Naismith Engineering

Sonny Vela – USDA-NRCS

Leroy Wolff – USDA-NRCS

Sam Sugarek - NRA

Beth Almarez - NRA

Bland Proctor

Kyle Noack

Terry Blankenship – Welder Wildlife Foundation

Brett Huegele – McFaddin Enterprises

Richard Beall – McFaddin Enterprises

Delbert Cox - Landowner

Kiersten Maddin – Mission-Aransas NERR

Kristen Hicks – Mission-Aransas NERR

Richard Thomas – Hamilton, Edwards, Carson

Ford Interests

Joe Bland – O'Connor Braman

Brian Koch – TSSWCB

Larry Dierlam – Martin O'Connor CC

In the Agricultural and Wildlife Workgroup, the group began by discussion of who needs to be on the Coordination Committee. An initial list of 13 landowners to contact regarding their interest in participating was developed. The 13 landowners were representative of the 5 counties of the watershed. Further, 3 local wildlife experts and 1 expert to represent coastal fisheries was also identified by the group. The workgroup recommended that the Coordination Committee not be larger than 20 members.

Once the group had identified the list of landowners, wildlife experts, and coastal fisheries representatives, the discussion shifted to the composition of the Agriculture and Wildlife Workgroup. It was agreed that the 13 landowners, 3 wildlife experts, 1 coastal fisheries rep, should form the core of the workgroup along with , county extension agents, NRCS district conservationists, and representatives of all the soil and water conservation districts.

Finally, Kevin Wagner discussed several specific BMPs used for addressing bacteria issues in other watersheds such as Gilliland Creek and the Leon River.