

SULPHUR RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY/TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CLEAN RIVERS PROGRAM ANNUAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 06, 2020 at 1:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Dr. Ken Crane, Texarkana College
Wayne Gilliland, NTMWD
Kristen Suprobo, NTMWD
Katie McElroy, NTMWD
Paul Prange, Ark-Texas COG
Robert Speight, NETMWD
Reeves Hayter, SRBA Board member

ITEM #1: MEETING OCCURRED VIA ZOOM ABOUT 1:30 P.M.

Dr. Ken Crane welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked all for attending.

ITEM #2: ROLL CALL

Dr. Ken Crane said that Zoom meeting listed attendees and that the session was being recorded.

ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JULY 18, 2019

Dr. Crane stated that everyone the minutes for last year's, July 18, 2019 Steering Committee Meeting were on the website and had been for a year.

With no objections, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

ITEM #4: PRESENTATION OF THE FY2020 BASIN HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

Dr. Ken Crane gave the presentation of the 2020 Basin Highlights Report. The Basin Highlight Report was available on the website. There was a review of impairments and concerns for the basin. Then a review of the monitoring sites for 2019. Followed by the 2019 special project on real time suspended solids measurement.

ITEM #5: DISCUSSION ON THE WATER MONITORING SCHEDULED FOR FY2021

Dr. Ken Crane provided a summary of segments included in the monitoring scheduled for FY2021 and the entity responsible for conducting studies. The TC responsibilities include the current 6 sites on Wright Patman Lake to be continued. Additionally, 6 sites in and close to Texarkana, and 5 sites outside of Texarkana are included in the QAPP for 2021 for TC. NTMWD has 6 sites scheduled for 2021.

ITEM #6: QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Hayter pointed out that there is more monitoring on the eastern end of the basin and asked if we could get more monitoring on the western end.

Dr. Crane responded that we would like to, but it is not logistically possible right now due to travel times. NTMWD and the field office do the monitoring on the western end. There are streams near Paris that need more monitoring.

Paul Prange noted the Delores McCright is near Paris now and may be able to help.

Mr. Hayter wanted to know about contacting the Texas Stream Team.

Dr. Crane said that the website and the last basin highlights report include contacts for the local stream team. That it would be good to find someone near Paris or the western part of the basin, but there are some logistic hurdles in getting them trained and supplying them the equipment and then finding a way to get samples to the lab within time limits, but that it should be a long-term goal to get more monitoring on the western end of the basin.

ITEM #7: ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Ken Crane thanked everyone for attending and ended the meeting by unanimous consent about 2:00 PM

Note: The recording of the meeting only worked for a few minutes and then failed.