

Minutes for the Ellis Wellhead Protection Committee Meeting
January 20, 2010

Members Present: James Leiker, Allen Roth, Ken Richmeier, Bill Wilson, Cathy Clewett.

Non-voting member: Karen Purvis- Recording Secretary- Ellis County Ex-Officio, Dustin Fross- FHSU Graduate Student, Tyler Saryerwinnie- WHP Intern, Matt Windholz-City of Ellis Ex-officio

Guests- Glenn Diehl- Ellis County Commissioner, Ron Mellick- City of Hays Commissioner

Ken Richmeier-Vice Chairman **called the meeting to order** at 7:00.

Minutes-Cathy pointed out that one of the sentences was incomplete. It was under the intern/research activity. It should read” This will be ongoing and he will bring information to the upcoming meetings. It was moved by Allen and seconded by Bill to accept the minutes as corrected.

Treasurer’s Report- No report- as the treasurer was not present. There should have been a check written for \$50.00 for the live remote for the rain barrel event.

Old Business

- a. *Education* –
Intern/Research activities- reported that the project is on hold right now.
- b. *Events-* -James reported that the Water forum that was postponed in December is scheduled for February 4th. There is still time to sign up for it.
- c. *Clean Water Grant proposal-* Because of the submittal timing. It doesn’t look good that we will receive the pet waste grant.
- d. *Other- Well waiver for property SE section 10, Township 13S, Range 19W., approved 12-7-2009-* Glenn Diehl- County Commissioner read the WHP bylaws stating that this committee is to advise governmental bodies. He said the letter that was written to KDHE Secretary Bremby was unacceptable and violated the open meetings act. The county attorney has written the Attorney General about the situation. The reason was the draft letter was e-mailed to the members and not

discussed at a regular scheduled meeting. It was suggested that either Bill Jeter or John Bird come and talk to the committee about KOMA. Ron Mellick and Glenn Diehl left the meeting.

New Business-

a) Events- James handed out fact sheets and brochures about the rain barrels. He stated that this spring about another 1,000 will be distributed to people in the watershed. April 20th that will be an event at the Research center in Hays. The date for Ellis was April 22nd. If anybody on the committee wanted to come and help they could. They will have information at the Home & Garden Show about the rain barrels.

b) Education- *Watershed on Wheels*- James reported that the project is ready and will be unveiled on February 11th at the Fort Hays game. It will be available to anybody in the watershed to check out. They will rent it out to places outside the watershed for a fee.

EPA Grant- Sternberg- James that the grant they applied for was denied for a couple of reasons- one being that they can't put in for money that provides food. They are going to reapply and make some changes in the grant. There will be no City land involved and they will still have the nature trail.

KELP Presentation- Karen stated that Dale, Jude and Karen went to talk to the Kansas Environmental Leadership Program (KELP) on January 7th. It was held at the Ramada Inn and they were asked to be on a panel discussion about the WHP committee and WHP plan since we were the first one in the state to have the WHP approved in 1996.

c) Legislative- *EPA ruling on Storm water quality for disturbances > 10 acres*. He will discuss this at the next meeting, since the meeting has run longer than normal.

Kansas Open Meeting Act (KOMA) This was discussed earlier under old business.

d) Membership- Status of committee Chair- We have elections next and will see who the chair may be. **It was a consensus of the committee to make sure that from now on: any correspondence on behalf of the WHP committee MUST be discussed at a regular or special meeting before sending out.**

e) *Annual Election of Officers and Members at Large Appointments*- It was moved by Allen and seconded by Bill that the members at large remain for the 2010 year, and that the slate of officers remain the same. Motion carried unanimously.

- f) Other- Bill made a motion to have members bring any information about the well records to the next meeting to have the committee look over, it was seconded by James. Motion carried with one abstention vote.
- g) It was discussed to have Karen ask Bill Jeter to come talk to the committee about KOMA issues at the next meeting.

Date for next meeting- The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th at 7:00.

It was moved by Ken and seconded by Allen to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

Submitted by Karen Purvis- Recording Secretary