



**Clean Water Partnership  
Meeting Summary  
Upper Tallapoosa River Basin Meeting  
ALFA Building- Wedowee, AL  
March 15, 2017**

**Attendees:**

Barry Morris/ UTCWP

Valerie Morris/ LWPOA

Tina Wysner/ Randolph County SWCD

Heidi Richards/ Coosa Valley RC&D

Missy Middlebrooks/ ADEM

Diane Lunsford/ LWPOA

Bill Boozer/ UTCWP

Sabrina Wood/ CWP

Joanne Ninesling/ ASRT

Rick Smith/ ADPH

Shannon McGlynn/ ADEM

John Lunsford/ LWPOA

Randall Wordlaw/ NRCS

This meeting of the Upper Tallapoosa River Basin Clean Water Partnership was held on March 15, 2017 from 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. at the ALFA Building in Wedowee, AL. The notes of the meeting were recorded by Sabrina Wood, Facilitator- Tallapoosa River Basin CWP.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Chairman, Barry Morris, welcomed everyone and conducted the meeting.

**Meeting Summary**

A summary from the previous meeting was emailed to the group before the meeting date. There were no corrections or additions.

**ACWP Update**

Sabrina Wood shared with the committee that the CWP is currently building a new website. Until the process is completed the CWP is using their Facebook page for announcements and information sharing. Mrs. Wood also updated the committee on the funding situation for the Partnership. Currently Ashley Henderson and Mrs. Wood are working on behalf of the CWP to diversify and secure funding for other river basins.

**Upper Tallapoosa Report**

Barry Morris reported on the Upper Tallapoosa. He shared that the Electronics Recycling Event in January collected 12,577 pounds of electronics. We may partner with the County Commission on future events to help offer assistance with the cost of recycling TVs and computers. The Committee discussed plans for the April 29 Drug Take Back Events. Mr. Morris will work with the Randolph County Sheriff's Office and Roanoke Police Department to help advertise and secure locations. There was also discussion about placing a receptacle at the Sheriff's office for year round drop offs. Sabrina Wood will provide more information. Mr. Morris added that he wanted to make everyone aware of the AL Rivers Alliance Senate Bill 255 in the Legislature. It affects the Alabama River which could impact the Tallapoosa in order to maintain minimum levels for the Alabama. He recommended the committee research the bill. Mrs. Wood shared that there has been discussion about the Harris Dam relicensing.

### **Current/ Past Events**

Other than the Electronics Recycling and Drug Take Back Events that were discussed previously, Mrs. Wood stated that she and Auburn Fisheries will have a station at Randolph County's Farm Day. This will be the first time that the CWP has participated. Mr. Morris added that Randolph County has a "Dump Day" for county residents. There was discussion about the CWP helping to advertise the event. Many people are not aware that the service is offered.

### **ADPH Update on Sewage Spill**

Rick Smith shared information on the December 27<sup>th</sup> illegal sewage dump/spill at Boone Creek. An estimated 2500 gallons of sewage was dumped along a dirt road at Boone Creek. The creek is a tributary to Wedowee Creek which leads to the lake. There was an extensive clean up and charges have been filed. The major concern was due to the large rain event that occurred shortly after the dumping and before everything was completely cleaned up. Mr. Smith said that dissolved oxygen readings are normal and there was no impairment at the time of the meeting.

### **Other Updates/Announcements/Discussions**

Joanne Ninesling and Sid Hare are still working on camping locations on the Little Tallapoosa by Lamar Bridge.

Shannon McGlynn shared that ADEM is focusing on 319 workshops to connect with cooperators in some basins. They are looking at bi-annual NPS Conferences instead of annual. She added that the NPS section usually gets their budget from EPA in July or August.

Mrs. Wood discussed the possibility of submitting an article to the Randolph Leader about finding reputable septic tank pumpers. The write up could be used as a follow up to the illegal dumping incident in December. Mr. Bill Boozer stated that the Upper CWP account currently had a balance of \$3,349.51. He added that training for chemistry water testing is April 29.

With no other announcements, the meeting was adjourned.