



**Middle Tallapoosa River Basin Clean Water Partnership  
Stakeholder Committee Meeting  
Alexander City-City Hall  
March 21, 2017**

**Attendees:**

Sabrina Wood/ MTRBCWP

Alex Johnson/ NRCS

Bridgette Key/ ADPH

Ray Clifton/ AFC

Shane Harris/ ACES

Tom Collier/ Lake Watch

Gerard Brewer/ City of Alex City

Mandi Milford/ Tallapoosa Conservation District

John McWhorter/ City of Alex City

Eddie Patterson, Jr./ City of Alex City

Charles Borden/ LMRA

John McKelvey/ Tallapoosa County Commission

Joanne Ninesling/ ASRT

This meeting of the Middle Tallapoosa Clean Water Partnership Stakeholder Committee was held on March 21, 2017 from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. at City Hall in Alexander City, AL.

The notes of the meeting were recorded by Sabrina Wood, Coordinator- Middle Tallapoosa River Basin CWP.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Sabrina Wood welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made.

**Review of last Meeting**

Sabrina Wood read over the summary from the November 15, 2016 Stakeholder Meeting. There were no comments or changes.

**Budget Report**

Denise Walls, Treasurer, was unable to attend. However, Sabrina Wood shared the budget report that reflected the budget through March 21, 2017.

**Forestry Presentation**

Ray Clifton with the Alabama Forestry Association discussed the effects of the drought on our forests. The drought left trees weak and susceptible to beetles. He offered tips to prevent beetle infestation. The Forestry Association is watching this issue closely. Mr. Clifton also shared a flyer with the most recent statistics and information.

**Alex City Grease Program Presentation**

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Eddie Patterson with the City of Alex City gave a detailed description of the city's new Cease the Grease Program. The city has had problems with saturated fats causing sanitary sewer overflows. In the past the city had as many as 60 overflows a year. Recently, with the implementation of the grease program and targeting troubled areas, the numbers have decreased to approximately 13. Mrs. Wood suggested that the MTCWP could partner with the city to help promote the program and educate area residents. Shane Harris suggested creating a youtube video. He stated that Extension could help develop it.

### **Current/ Upcoming/ Past Projects**

Sabrina Wood gave the following update on current, upcoming and past MTCWP projects.

*Throw Away Day-* After working through scheduling issues and location concerns, the next Throw Away Day event is scheduled for 4/10-4/11. The proposed dates and locations for the remainder of 2017 will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and Tuesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> month of each quarter.

April 10-11

- D1=Courthouse Annex
- D2=Double Bridges on Hwy 63
- D3= New Site (Goldville Rd. at Simpson Rd.)
- D4=Camp Hill Town Hall
- D5= Reeltown Volunteer Fire Dept.

July 10-11-

- D1=Courthouse Annex
- D2=Double Bridges on Hwy 63
- D3= Jacksons Gap
- D4= Camp Hill Town Hall
- D5= Still Waters

October 9-10-

- D1=Courthouse Annex
- D2=Double Bridges on Hwy 63
- D3= Eagle Creek
- D4= Camp Hill Town Hall
- D5= Union

The county's tire disposal program is up and running. It can not be advertised as a resource for public use as originally thought. The program is intended for use for tires picked up in clean ups and on roadsides.

*Drug Take Back-* Our next Drug Take Back will be April 29th. Mrs. Wood stated that she approached Sheriff Abbett about setting up receptacles at the courthouse and/or police departments for year around availability. There are other areas that offer a similar service. Sheriff Abbett is researching costs. Mrs. Wood had grant ideas in mind that could help offset the cost.

*Water Festival-* The Tallapoosa County Water Festival is April 19-20 at Wind Creek. At the time of the meeting, volunteers were still needed.

*Storm Drain Marking-* Mrs. Wood is working on plans for the Storm Drain Marking Project. She has classroom educational activities in line to incorporate with the campaign. This project has been pushed back until the summer because of the Business Breakfast earlier in the year and the upcoming Water Festival. CACC is on

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board to help with the project during the summer with an educational portion for the schools to be presented during the new school year.

*Business Breakfast-* The MTCWP's Business Breakfast was held on January 17th. The plan was to invite our stakeholders but also new businesses, organizations and individuals to join us for breakfast. It was a great event with many new faces and a total of 40 in attendance. Plans are to host the breakfast annually.

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

With no other announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

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