

CITY OF ELKO
1ST QUARTER MEETING - STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC)
3:00 P.M. PST, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018
CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY of ELKO BUILDING DEPARTMENT
1753 COLLEGE AVENUE, ELKO, NV

CALL TO ORDER

Jeremy Draper, Chairman, called the Stormwater Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jeremy Draper, Chairman
Dennis Strickland
Jason Demaline
Bob Thibault

Excused: Reece Keener

City Staff: Adeline Thibault, Environmental Coordinator

Other: Cindy Neisess, NDOT
Mo Gobena, NDOT
Dean DeCarlo, NDOT
Kristie Black, NDEP
Andrew Dixon, NDEP
Wade George, Copper Trails

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 28, 2017 – Regular Session **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

**** A motion was made by Bob Thibault, seconded by Dennis Strickland, to approve the minutes from November 28, 2017.**

The motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

I. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review, consideration and discuss ongoing interfacing items with the Nevada Department of Transportation, and matters related thereto. **DISCUSSION ITEM**

Mo Gobena, NDOT, said we previously discussed impacts to NDOT right-of-ways.

Jeremy Draper said he spoke to Adeline Thibault about that. We are planning on training our city employees.

Dennis Strickland said that will be a tough one for the water crew. When they respond to a leak they will have to remember to put out BMP's.

Bob Thibault said their first priority is to get the leak shut off, which is probably the best prevention method.

Cindy Neisess, NDOT, said part of the issue was when they pump out the trench or hole, the water is muddy.

Mr. Strickland asked if they made a note about that to visit with them.

Adeline Thibault, Environmental Coordinator, answered she spoke with Dale Johnson about it already. We discussed different things they could put on their trucks to have options available to them.

Mr. Strickland thanked Ms. Neisess for her report at the last meeting. He really appreciated their help in these situations.

Ms. Neisess said we have two district projects that we will be keeping an eye on. One of them is at the intersection of the 298 exit, which is slope paving, and the other will be opening up the sidewalk on the corner near Capriola's.

Mr. Strickland said he sat in on both of those meetings and they will also be doing work near exit 303 here soon.

B. Review City of Elko Stormwater Permit – A review of ongoing enforcement of the City of Elko's MS4 Permit. **DISCUSSION ITEM**

Mr. Draper said we took a contractor before the City Council. They have repeatedly failed inspections. We did a lot of research and of all the NOV's we've issued and that was the only contractor that has received one. They felt picked on but every time we did inspections the items that needed to be addressed weren't being taken care of. Hopefully they realize they need to be responsive now. Ms. Thibault and I went out to all of the jobsites last week and for the most part the contractors are doing a good job.

Mr. Strickland said he emphasized during the City Council meeting that NDEP takes these things very seriously. The city council put that contractor on probation so hopefully we have their attention now.

Mr. Draper said if they receive one more NOV, City Council authorized staff to take legal action against them. There were a few times the contractor was out there grading projects without any permits at all. We are now doing weekly inspections with them for the next month.

Ms. Thibault said we are going to start doing the municipal operations portion.

Andrew Dixon, NDEP, said when Chris Gravenstein left, he failed to mention he hadn't finalized the audit. Once we find copies we will send it to you, we just haven't been able to find the last draft. We should have that done within the next month or so.

Mr. Draper said we should bring up that we did issue another NOV to a food truck. We received a phone call stating the food truck had a hose from their drain discharging directly into our storm drain system. We got a good report from the environmental company they hired that everything was cleaned up.

Mr. Dixon asked if they had a form they fill out and have the contractors sign for their construction site inspections. That way they have a list of things to fix.

Ms. Thibault explained for the initial and the ending of the project, there is a form we fill out for that. The visits in between we just send emails.

Mr. Draper said on the scheduled inspections we leave a written form so they have it in writing and know what needs to be fixed. For violations we do a verbal warning, then a written and then a notice of violation. Most of the contractors are doing a good job though. We have been working with NDOT on some plan reviews to make sure the new storm drain infrastructures are going to be suitable for everyone. Its going to be a busy year for our stormwater inspections.

Mr. Strickland agreed and said there will be a lot of construction this year.

Ms. Neisess asked if they had some of their utility inspectors doing those inspections.

Mr. Draper said we don't have utility inspectors, Ms. Thibault does all of it.

Mr. Strickland said we do have our superintendents paying attention to what the various departments are doing. That also includes anyone that might be working in our right-of-way.

Ms. Neisess said we have some issues with the flag lot and the Barrick driveway. Barrick did improvements on 535 West Idaho.

Mr. Thibault said he has been working with Barrick to create a shared access between those two properties. Barrick's driveway is paved and ours is dirt. The City is working with them in an attempt to allow us access onto their paved driveway so we can take out the fence in the back of the parking lot, to align the two parking lots, and just use the one access.

Ms. Neisess said the lot that isn't part of the City's property and has a large berm, isn't part of any permit. The berm is a source of sediment and there is erosion coming down that dirt road into that pipe and burying it. Barrick had a contractor in there cleaning out the ditch because they had released some of their seal coat into the right-of-way and it came up again in the sediment earlier this year before any of those other projects had started. They were attempting to take the material out of the ditch and piling it on that berm. The berm isn't part of anybody's permit but it's there to protect the neighboring property. She hoped they would clean the ditch and pipes out and then they could address the berm.

Dean DeCarlo, NDOT, asked if that should be their right-of-way guys since it's their permit.

Ms. Neisess answered yes, the permit is theirs through the culvert and is maintained by the property owner.

Mr. DeCarlo said the NDOT permit should be going after the permittee to get that cleaned up, not the City.

Mr. Draper said plus it's in the county.

Ms. Neisess said right, but they are working with the property owner. It is a mutual pipe because it goes across the City lot as well as the Barrick lot.

Mr. Thibault said the project they were looking into was for the back of the property where the parking lot starts. We don't intend to do much out by the highway.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

May 8, 2018

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Draper, P. E.
Chair, Stormwater Advisory Committee (SWAC)