

• MEETING MINUTES •

Missouri Department of Natural Resources / ACEC/Missouri Liaison Committee August 7, 2019 - Jefferson City, MO

On August 7, 2019, ACEC Missouri held their regular Liaison Committee meeting with representatives of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The notes below follow the agenda and summarize the key points of discussion from the meeting. In attendance for the meeting:

MDNR:

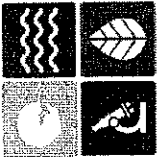
Darleen Groner
Ken Koon
Kyra Moore
Greg Snellen
Chris Wieberg

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Chris Burns
Steve Hicks
Brian Porter
Dennis Stith
Bruce Wylie

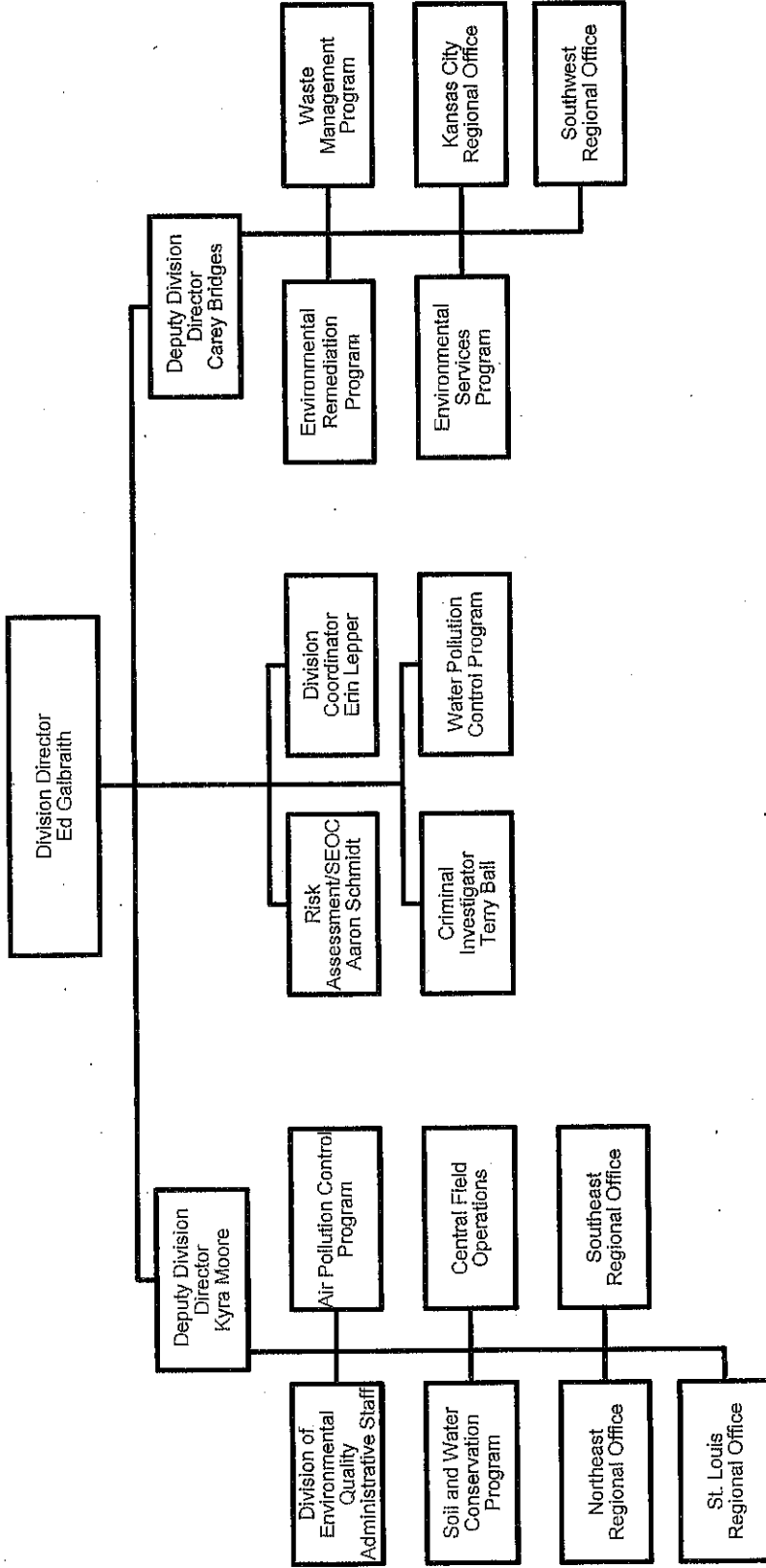
1. Staffing Changes / Update on New Organizational Chart – New Organizational Chart handed out for DEQ (see attachment). Looking to hire a new Branch Chief for Clean Water Program. Talked about OA's push to stop exodus of employees. Their program policy is based on the 3 C's – Classification, Career Path, and Compensation. Hoping that state is more aggressive on improving pay. MDNR looking to become more efficient in some of its processes and then use the savings to compensate employees. Currently MDNR has 25% turnover in past 18 months.
2. DEQ Program Funding Status – DEQ is looking at funding needs and currently conducting stakeholder meetings now because need raise fees to fund a \$1.2 million shortfall. Recent law change calls for 1 year waiting period before any fee increases go into effect. Hazardous waste fee increases are also in the works. Need \$600K per year for two years. Will finalize by Hazardous Waste Commission meeting August 16th.
3. Clean Water Topics – Chris Wieberg. Standards updates approved July 30th. Working on Waters of the State (WOTS) which exceed WOTUS. Working on EPA approving a variance. Kirksville new wastewater treatment plant needs a variance and working on mainly nitrogen and phosphorus reduction. Joplin wastewater concerned about zinc infiltration to the system from old mines – I & I work needed. Nutrient trading is coming but in formative stages. Clearinghouse on credits being established for annual banking of credits with state guarantees. Credits must be valued cheaper than infrastructure improvements. MDNR will use a university or private consultant to set this credit bank up but very challenging.
4. Compliance Assistance Program Status – Has been dissolved and responsibilities spread among other programs.
5. Current WH Administration & EPA Issues – Wieberg. WOTUS nothing new but rumor that ag ditches are out. WOTS is based on property boundaries in Missouri. Blending not an issue in MO. Must meet secondary treatment standards. MDNR updates on sludge permits. EPA Region VII center of expertise for 503 permits. Biosolids – state does enforcement.

6. Resource Recovery Certifications/Federal Hazardous Waste Recycling Regulations Update – Federal Hazardous Waste recycling regulations being updated now.
7. Coal Combustion Residuals Rule – Was addressed as an issue in recent [SB917](#). New rules will be needed to address new legislation. History: MDNR filed 3 rule changes in late 2018. Got much opposition from stakeholders and withdrew proposed rules. New EPA rules coming out in June 2020. MDNR is now waiting for EPA rules.
8. PISTIF/LUST/VCP/Superfund MRBCA Program and Regulations Update – Chris Cady is taking over for Tim Chibnall at MRBCA. Backlog of tank cleanups is lowest ever. Tanks section is adding 3 geologist positions. Some reorganization on-going. PISTIF Update: Ken Koon discussed a letter from EPA Region 7 to the PSTIF board dated June 3, 2019. The letter mentioned three concerns with respect to PSTIF's program: 1) an issue related to legal defense costs and whether they are covered under (EPA requested PSTIF's participation agreement exclude these defense costs from the coverage cap, consistent with statutes), 2) EPA believes PSTIF is exceeding its authority by reviewing and commenting on technical scopes of work, and 3) issues related to PSTIF's funding of MDNR's LUST technical program. Ken indicated PSTIF responded on July 12, 2019, and the response letter is available via Sunshine request.
9. Clean Water SRF Updates/Status – Financing Info Workshops going well and added late August location in Harrisonville. Announced MDNR will have Consolidation Grants to hand out this fall which will help public water systems take on private systems. Up to \$5 million will be available. MDNR will soon have a state map of drinking water systems, public and private. Will forward to ACEC/MO when available.
10. Word of the day: Renminbi – official currency of China. The Yuan is a basic unit of renminbi.
11. The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2019 at the ACEC/MO office in Jefferson City.



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