Janesville Area Water Quality
Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board
MEETING NOTES
18 North Jackson Street, Room 416
Janesville, WI 53545
May 22, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Conley, Jim Farrell, Jens Jorgensen, Rich Gruber, Doug Marklein, Paul Williams, Tom Wolfe, Allan Arndt, Bruce Schneider, Mark Gunn, John Bergman.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Sweeney.

OTHERS PRESENT: Duane Cherek, Colin Byrnes, Ryan McCue, Paul Woodard, Matt Wesson, Rick Weitersen.

II. Review and approval of the minutes from the September 26, 2011, Janesville 208 MPO Policy Board Meeting – Approved.

III. Election of Policy Board Chairperson for the Janesville Area Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan) plan amendment.

There was a motion by Rich Gruber and second by Tom Wolfe to elect Doug Marklein as the MPO Policy Board Chair. Motion passes on a 11-0 vote.

There was a motion by Rich Gruber and a second by Jens Jorgensen to elect Jim Farrell as the MPO Policy Board Vice-Chair. Motion passes on a 11-0 vote.

IV. Public Hearing, Recommendation to the WDNR on an Amendment to the Janesville Area Water Quality Management Plan (Resolution No. 2017-1).

Duane Cherek introduced the proposed text amendment to the *Janesville Area Point Source Water Quality Management Plan* (208 Plan) and made a verbal presentation concerning the proposed amendment.

Cherek described the purpose of bringing forth an amendment to the Implementation Section of the Plan to establish criteria used to determine availability of municipal sanitary sewer and issuance of sanitary permits by Rock County.

Cherek explained that the Water Quality Technical Committee met on three separate occasions in early 2017, to discuss and evaluate the proposal, and on 24 March 2017 unanimously approved the amendment. Lastly, both the MPO Technical Advisory Committee and the Rock County Planning and Development Committee recommended

that the MPO Water Quality Policy Board approve the Plan Amendment and forward a recommendation to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for incorporation into the existing document.

Chairperson Marklein asked for clarification regarding the distinction between minor repairs versus major repairs to on-site septic systems. Rick Weitersen from the Rock County Health Department explained how this process works and when permits for minor repairs would be issued.

Paul Woodard stated that any appeals to the Rock County Health Department's denial of a sanitary permit would still be eligible for review by the Rock County Health Board as part of the appeals process.

The public hearing was opened. Alan Arndt commented that the City of Janesville has changed its policy regarding the delivery of and financing of public sewer extensions to areas located within the urban services limits. Arndt indicated he can accept the proposal as long as City policy in this regard doesn't change. The public hearing was closed.

There was a motion by Paul Williams with a second by Rich Gruber to approve Resolution No. 2017-1 approving an amendment to Chapter 6 (Implementation) of the *Janesville Area Point Source Water Quality Management Plan* and forward the proposed amendment to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with a favorable recommendation. The motion carried on a 11-0-0 vote.

Mark Gunn commented that the amendment process brought all four towns and City and County together to discuss, debate and successfully negotiate this outcome.

V. Adjournment

The MPO Policy Board meeting of May 22, 2017 was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Cherek, Manager of Planning Services