

Dickinson Bayou Watershed Partnership

Meeting Notes

August 21, 2013

Historic Railroad Depot, Dickinson, Texas

Charriss York called the meeting to order and asked everyone to sign in. Ms. York gave an overview of water quality issues in the region stating that a large number bayous and creeks have low dissolved oxygen levels and high bacteria similar to Dickinson Bayou. She also discussed the other watershed groups working on these issues locally and the coordination between groups to better use resources for issues that are similar.

Ms. York went on to discuss the Dickinson Bayou Bacteria Implementation Plan (I-Plan). She explained the I-Plan is moving into the next phase of TCEQ adoption and will be available for public comment beginning September 6th.

Ms. York explained that Dr. John Jacob with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Texas Sea Grant is the On-site Sewage Facility (OSSF) workgroup chair but could not attend this evening. She went on to explain the OSSF management measures the workgroup proposes in the I-Plan.

Susie Blake with the City of League City Wastewater Division was introduced as the Chair of the Wastewater workgroup. Ms. Blake reviewed the Management Measures and Control Actions proposed by the workgroup.

Phoenix Rogers with the Agriculture Agent for the Galveston County AgriLife Extension Office was introduced as the Chair of the Animal Sources workgroup. Ms. Rogers reviewed the Management Measures proposed by the workgroup.

Ms. York discussed Management Measures related to shoreline protection and stormwater best management practices. She then outlined the TCEQ public comment process for the I-Plan which will begin September 6, 2013. The speakers answered questions and the meeting was adjourned.

The Power Point presentation with slides for all speakers is available for download.