

Standards Oversight Council  
Meeting Minutes  
July 23, 2002  
DATCP Headquarters, Room 172  
Madison

Present: Gail Lisse, Paul Daigle, Pat Murphy, Pat Walsh, Ed Odgers,  
Perry Lindquist, Rebecca Baumann, Russ Rasmussen, Tracy Briggs, Mike  
Murray

Absent: Dan Scudder

Introductions

- Introductions of Standards Oversight Council members and new SOC Coordinator.
- History of SOC and development of technical standards in Wisconsin.

General Business

- **AR: Russ** will determine his time commitment to SOC.
- Can non-governmental private interest be on the council?  
Private interests may be on work teams and help develop standards. However, SOC council members traditionally have been from government, and it should remain this way to prevent conflicts of interest.
- Future goals of SOC include more involvement from WisDOT and accelerating development of urban standards.

Blue Book Team

- An issue the team brought up in their last meeting was the legal/enforcement aspects of technical standards.  
The Blue Book team is uncertain about how the standards they are working on will be referenced in NR 216. Problems may arise if either publication dates or standard numbers are used to reference technical standards. SOC tries to maintain the separation of political views from technical information. Cost sharing has been used in the past for enforcement of standards, rather than direct enforcement. Following the process in SOC handbook is the best course of action.
- There is pressure for completion because the revised NR 216 will reference these standards. NR 216 is required to be updated by the end of year due to Federal Storm Water Regulations.
- The estimated completion time for this revision is spring.
- If time becomes a problem perhaps these should become interim standards. This depends on how NR 216 references the standards; revising an interim standard may involve reopening NR 216.

- The team is planning to send all standards for review at once. The council is concerned that the review will suffer if reviewers receive all the standards at one time.
- Ideas on how SOC can achieve quality reviews and meet the DNR timeline:
  - Sending the initial reviews in phases could alleviate problems associated with mailing all the standards together.
  - Can team members have duties lumped together? Delegate tasks to team members.
  - Depending on Nina's workload, she may be able to assist.
  - Are more administration or team members needed? Can DNR provide office support? It is uncertain if agencies have available staff. Possibility of LTE or temporary staff mentioned.
  - Can DNR prioritize standards differently? The standards are currently organized in 4 phases. Is there a cut off point somewhere?
    - DNR/WisDOT collaboration outside of SOC. Subcommittees, split duties at team meetings.
    - Formalize the initial review group. A good initial review will make the broad review go smoothly.
- **Parking Lot:** Watch for problems concerning the revision of NR 216 and the Blue Book Team's timeline

#### New SOC Chair

- Who will replace Gordon as the new chair? There is no process for selecting a new chair in the handbook. Chair responsibilities include setting agenda for meetings, touching base with coordinator prior to meetings and running the meetings.
- **AR: Pat Murphy** was chosen as chair.

#### Work Team Updates

- Nutrient Management Team (590)
  - The new 590 standard should be released next week. Pat resolved 4 issues with the national people. The Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan will come out next year and change the cost share rate. A short discussion was held on cost sharing and people signing up for EQIP dollars. The tech note is weak and will be revised when issues arise.
  - Parking Lot:** 590 Team evaluation / follow-up needed this winter
- Polymer Team
  - Ready for initial review.
- Stormwater Infiltration Team
  - Oct./Dec. should be ready for review.
- Team member evaluations were posted on SOC website. The evaluations showed a need to educate team members on SOC process.

#### Agency Info

- NRCS work plan will involve forestry and wildlife standards. They will wait until the end of summer before starting.
- A few counties requested a revision to the filter strip standard. Wildlife is a secondary purpose, therefore not mentioned in the standard. A technical revision can be done to make minor changes.

**AR: Pat** will make changes requested to this standard

- Future SOC meetings scheduled:  
September 12, 1:00 – 4:00, DATCAP  
October 23, 9:00 – 3:00, DATCAP
- Closed discussion for council members

### **Action Register**

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