

Science/Technology/Innovation (STI) Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2013

The Science/Technology/Innovation (STI) Committee meeting was held in the Madison-Jefferson County Extension office conference room at 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 13th. Participants were Tom Harrington, Ed Handl, Marcy Lamb, Leonard Wortman and Lee Good.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 am by Tom H. November meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Lee G. discussed the current trends with internet and the expanding use of the cloud. He talked about the fiber to the home trend and that doing a test in Whitehall is feasible and being researched. Discussion on a data center in the SBP followed and Tom H. gave an overview of the recent meeting with LGT and Hydromine. There is a real interest in development of a project and there are still some variables that need research such as total internet availability, power redundancy and alternative energy costs. Earl Dodd was offered to assist with the project development and will be meeting later in the month to discuss scope of work and research priorities. Earl D. has the computer/internet background and is exactly the resource that has been discussed at previous meetings to help move the project forward. Tom H. provided an overview of the LGT discussions about a possible prototype wind tower and possible design team for the wind project to locate in the park. The GSM EIS Record of Decision (ROD) is pending and expected to be published in December.

Marcy L. gave a school update. New superintendent search is underway, school enrollment is stable and student CRT testing is underway. She discussed the increased usage of the internet for school learning applications and students testing.

Tom H. provided an update on the status of the Borden Hotel project. Construction estimated to being in January – February 2014 with a 5-6 month construction period.

Tom H. briefed the committee on the SBP warehouse project progress and design and construction planning is ongoing.

Leonard W. gave an update on the Pipestone/Jefferson Slough projects and groundwater study projects. Confluence Engineering has started both projects and a LIDAR flight has been completed. The canal head gate construction project is near completion and is waiting for the head gate doors to be installed. The Jefferson River groundwater study being conducted by the MBMG team is underway and they are in the process of finalizing the Boulder River study.

The meeting was productive and adjourned at 8:09 a.m. The next meeting will be held in the Extension office conference room Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Harrington