Draft Meeting Minutes prepared by Michael Oliphant.

An ACEC IDNR Committee planning meeting was held in the Indiana Government Building South on January 22, 2019. The following members of the ACEC IDNR Committee were in attendance.

Ryan Mueller   IDNR
Brad Baldwin   IDNR
Matt Buffington  IDNR
David Carr   IDNR
David Knipe   IDNR
George Bowman  IDNR
Jennifer Ware   IDNR
Adam Bales   IDNR
Siavash Beik   CBBEL
Rachel Sparks   GAI
Jason Mathias   B&N
Brandon Arnold  USI
Jay Gibson       CHA
Dan Miller     Parsons
Brian Shaw      BLN
Brian Powers   Clark Dietz
Rich Connelly  HNTB
Nabil Ghalayini  WSP
Ben Deichmann  SJCA
Michael Oliphant   UNITED
Drew Flamion   Commonwealth

The following subjects were discussed at the meeting.

1. The division of water is in the process of updating UNITY. The update to UNITY has caused the delay of some Construction in a Floodway permit application reviews. Training will be offered after the update to UNITY is complete.

2. It is recommended that a mitigation plan (when required) be included with the initial application to help improve the efficiency of the Construction in a Floodway Permit review process. Additionally, be sure to submit the application packages including plans to IDNR no more than 30 days after the online submittal.

3. Temporary construction measures can be included in the initial construction in a floodway permit application or authorized as an amendment during construction. The temporary measures for construction included in the application are often amended during construction. The formation of a committee to look at the potential for developing standards for temporary construction measure was recommended. The committee would require representatives from ACEC, INDOT, consultants and contractors.
4. The IDNR Division of Fish and Wildlife is closely monitoring the use of causeways on projects. The division has observed scour and sedimentation downstream of project sites with causeways. The division will be approving causeways for shorter durations during construction in the future.

5. INDOT maintains an MOU with IDNR for maintenance projects. Generally, these projects do not require work within the stream channel. The agreement does not apply to cities, towns, and counties. However, IDNR would consider allowing cities, towns, and counties to not apply for a permit if the project clearly falls under the guidelines of the maintenance MOU with INDOT.

6. The IDNR Division of Fish and Wildlife would like for designers to incorporate areas for wildlife passage under new and rehabilitated bridges whenever possible. This includes potentially providing a wildlife crossing under a bridge where wildlife passage did not previously exist.

7. IDNR provided an update on the status of the in lieu fee program. The first credits were sold in September 2018. IN SWMP has conducted many site visits of potential stream and/or wetland mitigation (restoration) projects across the state. No sites have been purchased to date.

8. Currently, the in-lieu fee program cannot be used for IDNR floodway reforestation mitigation. IDNR is in the process of developing a non-rural policy that will allow the use of the in-lieu fee program. The policy will have to go through an approval process that includes the Natural Resources Commission approval of mitigation credit pricing.