

**Lower Basin Collaborative
Meeting Notes
May 2, 2012
Medimont Grange Hall**

Participants:

About 36 people attended the meeting and 5 were from the Basin Commission Staff and agencies.

Purpose:

Discussion of the environmental issues effecting the Lower Basin.

Objectives:

- Introduce the Lower Basin Collaborative
- Discuss the environmental issues effecting the Lower Basin.
- Identify citizen concerns, interests, and questions

1. Lower Basin Collaborative Introduction Tina Pinzotti

Welcome and brief introduction Lower Basin Collaborative effort and the meetings.

2. Current Basin Commission Efforts Terry Harwood

Introduction presented on the current basin commission activities. Discussed lower basin related activities with residential sampling effort and the paved and unpaved road plans and surveys.

3. The Environmental Issues Effecting the Lower Basin Ed Moreen

Site history of Superfund regulatory and plan activities.

Process and mining history that generated the contaminated wastes.

Nature and extent of contamination introduced .

Fate and transport of wastes in lower basin

Issue raised about plant uptake

Cleanup activities in basin and lower basin summarized.

Issue raised about blood leads and effects; blood and soil standards

Question on parking lot cleanups

Looking ahead – the planned cleanup and planning efforts and restoration activities.

4. Open Forum—Discussion Tina Pinzotti

Questions and Concerns:

Parking lots in floodplains with ongoing contamination and repeating cleanup.
Plant uptake of contaminants, extent and effects to plants and that eating the plants.
Grazing lands concern and how to address.
Blood levels – new lower standards – what are the levels and testing results and follow ups – experts and differing views.
Do not want to see fear based attacks / criticism of area.
Studies on fisheries needed and related fish advisory information.
Residential sampling being done – is it mandatory.
Finance mechanisms (Superfund – mining settlements). Where the money is.
Who is going to prioritize the financial use? It is about the money.
Voices needed in decisions and priorities.
Need for collaboration to encourage doing things versus studies.

Suggestions:

Grazing and plant issue discussions with local farmer Frank Frutchey
Make fish warning information more available.
Available technical assistance options.
Develop resources list.
Need for collaboration to encourage doing things versus studies.

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