

Carroll County Monocacy River Board

November 16, 2023 Carroll County Monocacy River Board Meeting

Location: Taneytown Senior Center, Taneytown, Maryland

In Attendance:

Byron Madigan (CC Staff), George Grillon, Brad Stickles, Craig Connell

Absent:

Rhonda Bean

George Grillon, called the meeting to order.

No Public comment was given during the open public comment period.

The meeting included 21 people from the public and consisted of an open community discussion to identify questions and concerns related to biosolid sludge application and recent permits administered by Synagro, LLC and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for surface application within the Monocacy River Watershed.

The concerns identified were focused on the regulatory oversight of the application and consisted of:

1. What are inspections protocols to verify application guidelines of 30 days no animals, 3 years of no food crops?
2. What are inspections protocols to verify incorporation of sludge within 24 hours after surface application?
3. Who will regulate and monitor proper application as well as potential stockpiling of material?
4. Who enforces inspections? Are they self-regulated?
5. Is surface application restricted, similar to a waterway if subsurface tile drains exist within the application area? Do they ground verify the existence of tile drains prior to finalizing application rates?
6. Are soil types and drainage capacity of soil types for surface application of sludge considered?
7. Overall concern of neighboring property value dropping in value by listing sludge application within the "sellers' disclosure."

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Submitted by Byron Madigan