



Fairbanks
Stormwater
Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

1/8/2026

Agenda items 1-5: Introductions, approval of October 9, 2025, meeting minutes, as Final.

In Attendance John O'Brien (COF), Melissa Riordan (ADOT&PF), Dan Adamczak (ADOT&PF), Cynthia Nelson (ADOT&PF), Chris Darrah (Shannon & Wilson), Val Webb (FNSB), Janet Smith (FNSB), Melissa Spicer (Stantec), Joni Scharfenberg (FSWCD), Cory Whiteley (TVWA), Christy Everett (TVWA), Tori Brannan (TVWA), Teslin Brannan (TVWA).

Public Comment None.

Today's draft agenda was approved.

Meeting Summary

Val Webb reported on the distribution of a total of 542, 2026 calendars promoting waterway protection. The committee discussed the anticipated new permit from the state, the success of the storm drain art project, and the need for updated outreach materials. A budget of \$3,000 was proposed for SWAG items like stickers, squeeze balls, and magnets.

Key events for 2026 include the Home Show on March 27-29 and Stream Cleanup Day on June 13. Coordination for staffing and materials for these events was also discussed.

Action Items:

- ❖ Put together a list of outreach swag items that have been successful at events (include feedback from Fairbanks Soil and Water / Joni's team) to finalize the order
- ❖ If committee budget is provided, purchase the agreed swag order for outreach events (TVWA will pick up the entire order if budget is allocated)
- ❖ Select storm drain art photos, work with the printer to produce posters, and provide final poster files for the annual report (deliver by the annual report due date: within the next week or two)
- ❖ Visit Public Works in April and walk through the training videos with maintenance staff and collect their signed training attendance for the annual report
- ❖ Return the storm drain art photo thumb drive to TVWA (return the physical drive to Cory)
- ❖ Email the Children's Museum director to request hanging space for the storm drain art posters and copy the TVWA contact to coordinate display
- ❖ Resend the Public Works annual training YouTube links and the training sign-in sheet/templates so departments can document annual training completion for the permit

Other Points of Discussion

- We will coordinate with FSWCD and share a table and volunteer staffing duties at the Fairbanks Home Show. We will use this event to promote future FSWAC/TVWA events like Storm Drain Art and Stream Cleanup Day.



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- A suggestion was made to add events to the “Protect our Waterways” Calendar on a monthly basis to keep it updated and relevant.
- A suggestion was made to launch a new Storm Water Survey to gain public input on Storm Water issues. Past Storm Water Surveys were conducted in 2008, 2014/2015 and 2020.
- Discussion on the update of the Chena Riverfront Plan that Christy is involved with. The commission should consider expanding the spatial coverage of the plan to include areas upstream/downstream of City of Fairbanks to benefit responsible development adjacent to the Chena River. At the previous meeting it was discussed that this would be a good topic for a future guest presenter.

Tori Brannan closed the meeting with an excellent presentation titled: Adopt-A-Stream & GLOBE. Globe Network Water Quality Sampling is TVWA’s latest iteration of the Adopt-A-Stream Program. Globe is student-driven and affiliated with IARC (International Arctic Research Center of University of Alaska Fairbanks) and NASA. GLOBE stands for Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment. Tori was accompanied by GLOBE Educator and TVWA Field Intern Teslin Brannan. She commented that the GLOBE program is a great way to get children and young people involved in the outdoors, physical sciences and environmental stewardship at a young age. Also, a way to introduce STEM career fields to young scientists. Through adoption of the GLOBE program by K-12 classrooms, summer camps, and youth organizations, GLOBE strives to increase interest in WQ and the sciences and establish long-term data sets. Past successes include a 10-year study of Piledriver Slough by students and teachers at the Salcha School.

❖ **Next Quarterly Meeting: April 9, 2026.**

8) Meeting Adjourned (12:15pm).