

AIS Advisory Committee
Tuesday February 8th 1:00pm
Wright county Courthouse
10 2nd St NW Buffalo, MN 55313 Rm 111

MINUTES

In attendance: Luke Johnson, Alicia O'Hare: Wright SWCD; Chris Hector, Jim Gray: Wright County Regional Inspection Coalition (WCRIC) ; Heidi Wolf ,Adam Doll, Christine Hokkala-Kuhns (phone): MN DNR; Christine Husom: County Commissioner; Darek Vetsch: County Commissioner, Chris Wall: Transient Boater; Todd Hoffman: Wright County Sheriff's Department; ; Greg Kryzer: County Attorney's Office; ; Sean Deringer: Wright County Sheriff's Department; Matt Triechler

Missing: Mike Zieska; Wright SWCD Jeff Herr: City of Annandale Police Department ; Jefferson Bishop: Anchor Dock and Lift;

Johnson called the meeting to order and asked each party to introduce themselves.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and will be posted on the WRIP website.

Timeline Discussions:

Vetsch: Does the budget reflect SWCD admin. Yes.

Hector: Does budget reflect Maple Lake Local AIS funds?

O'Hare: We will check and adjust as necessary.

Hoffman: Budget request from Sheriff does not include support of Maple Lake. Enforcement will use Park Ranger.

Deringer: Rover will only call when citation is warranted. Will pass the rover collected data to the Sheriff.

Vetsch: When in 2020 to IF funds expire?

Hector: June

Hoffman: How scalable is this? Sheriff's department may need more staffing.

Hector: 2019 requires less work than 2018, but the 2019 budget (\$95K) is substantially higher.

Hoffman: \$95K is a base amount.

Vetsch: Is that seasonal or a FTE?

Hoffman: Likely Seasonal.

Vetsch: Feelse like Law Enforcement contract is fine but would be concerned about paying for this out of the general fund.

Deringer: We would have a better feel for 2020 after getting some experience in 2019.

Kryzer: Reviewed draft ordinance language for self-inspection.

Husom: Pulaski had many instances of boaters showing up with weeds on the trailer.

Doll: All boaters are supposed to self-inspect. We still find weeds on a small number of boats. Self-inspection removes the ability to have quality control.

Hector: If this is like TSA pre-check, you don't just get to walk on to plane. We still need some way to see if individuals are complying.

O'Hare: Boaters will have to submit to a check if a Rover asks to inspect.

Hector: Suggest that this program be run with an organization (LSP or Fishing group) rather than just individuals.

Vetsch: needs to be equal, open to all.

Hector: reviewed 21 day exemption language

Wolf: Can't change the need for inspection

Hector: The County ordinance adds a requirement to the State statute requiring inspection for some boats. This isn't an inspection, it is an exemption from the County ordinance

Wolf: The sooner the better for the plan review. Adam Doll and Heidi will review, then the Assistant Director, then Division Director, then enforcement and then to the DNR Commissioner.

Next Meeting

No meeting scheduled.