

**Wright County Water Management
Water Management Task Force Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2014**

Minutes of the Wright County Water Management Task Force held at the USDA Service Center, Buffalo, Minnesota on May 15, 2014.

Members present: Mark McNamara Bob Peterson Merton Auger
Mark Daleiden Gloria Wynnemer Paul Zabinski
Charles Krause Doug Triplett

Staff present: Joe Jacobs, Water Resource Specialist

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm. Mark McNamara presiding.

Minutes from the January 16th, 2014 Meeting were approved in a motion by Mark Daleiden and seconded by Charles Krause. All in favor.

Task Force items reviewed by Joe Jacobs.

Feedlot Update. The Manure Application Setback Enforcement Modification was reviewed with change from document at last meeting, noted by Triplett. Additional modifications expected after a meeting with the county attorney who has suggested violations, if initial warning not heeded, be considered criminal (misdemeanor) rather than civil. Also noted initial warning letter must be substantiated with maps, photos, GPS coordinates, records. Agreed changes will get the landowners attention.

Water Management Activities Review. 1. Martha Lake iron enhanced drainage system appears to be successful and may be the first in the nation for agriculture. Initial two years have seen a 80 – 90% reduction in Phosphorus. 2. Dean Lake watershed proposal for an iron – sand filter. Lake currently has the highest Phosphorus level in the county. 3. Groos Discovery Farm site represents a cooperation of several farm producer groups, now conducting an edge-of-field study on aspects of water. 4. Silver Creek Watershed is doing an Highly Erodible Land (HEL) study with a grant from the Clean Water Fund. 5. Wright County Long Term Outflow Monitoring Program is collecting data at five sites to see what is happening so county can prioritize areas. 6. Wright County Lakes Monitoring Program continues with 31+ lakes reporting. 7. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control program will start with a \$15,000 grant to do inspections.

Noted Soil and Water may not be involved in the county ditch management program. Discussion ensued – to be determined.

Water Management Update. One Water, One Plan. Wright County is in three major watersheds: Mississippi River, North Crow and South Crow. State is changing planning from a county basis to a watershed basis.

Water Management Priorities Discussion. Thresholds are now Protection Lakes, Tipping Point Lakes and those with an Active Lake Management Plan. Soil & Water expects to focus on the Silver Creek Watershed for next two plus years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next meeting will be July 17 at 7:00pm.

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