



Wright County Water Management

311C Brighton Avenue South - Buffalo, MN 55313 - (763) 682-1970

MINUTES

Water Management Task Force
February 23, 2017 6:00pm

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:32. Doug Triplett led the meeting

In Attendance

Paul Zabinski, Doug Triplett, Bob Peterson, Gloria Grant-Wynnmer, Mark Daleiden, Alicia O'Hare, Jeff Burns, Brian Hagen, Dale Gustafson, Curt Forst, Jefferson Bishop, Lynn Kissock, Bob Peterson, Gloria Wynnemer, Diane Sander (phone)

Approvals

Agenda

Motion by Mark D to approve agenda 2nd by Doug
Motion passed unanimously

Minutes-November 17th Meeting

Motion by Mark to approve meeting minutes 2nd by Gloria
Motion passed unanimously

Budget

Motion by Mark to approve budget 2nd by Paul
Motion passed unanimously

Task Force Organization

Chair

Doug nominated for Chair
Motion by Mark, 2nd by Paul. Motion passed unanimously

Vice-Chair

Paul nominated for Vice-Chair
Motion by Mark, 2nd by Brian. Motion passed unanimously

Secretary

Bran nominated for Secretary
Motion by Mark, 2nd by Lynn. Motion passed unanimously



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Aquatic Invasive Species

Regional Inspection Pilot

Discussion revolved around a program to pilot regional inspection sites. The sites would be located in a central location to multiple lakes. Wright Lakes being considered are Sylvia, John, and Pleasant. Annandale has dedicated city owned land for the inspection site. South Side Township has also expressed support of the program. A long term goal would be to provide a float the boat technique where the boat would be backed into a hydrogen bath.

One requirement would be to have the Wright County Commissioners pass an ordinance allowing for regional inspections. Signage would be placed at boat launches informing visitors of the requirement to visit the regional inspection site prior to boating.

Motion by Jeff to support development of ordinance to allow the pilot program for regional boat inspections. 2nd by Gloria.

Motion carried unanimously.

Treatment Structure

Alicia outlined that there is \$72,000 available towards treatment. \$3,000 was allocated per species to be applied for. 17 lakes applied for funds, with \$5,000 remaining. The funds are open for applications.

Education Possibilities

Gas Stations

In 2016 there were 9 gas stations throughout Wright County with advertisements. 2017 has 16 gas stations identified; 14 having signs above the pumps, 2 having ice box wraps. The 2017 budget is \$18,975 for all advertising interior and exterior.

Discussion continued on other areas advertisements may be effective. I.e. liquor stores, restaurants, a vehicle wrapped with an advertisement, floating key chains, etc. Consensus was to buy pump toppers, yard signs, and advertise at boat launches owned by the county.

Multi-County Cooperation

Bob brought forward an idea to have lakeshore owners to put yard signs up to put the "Clean, Drain, Dry" message closer to the landings. It was noted that we should consider putting the signs on the lakeside

Motion by Mark to buy pump toppers, yard signs, and signs to advertise at County launches. 2nd by Lynn.
Motion carried unanimously



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Activities/Events

Discussion on outreach opportunities was held. Suggestions were to focus on the County Fair and ask where people has seen advertisements, as well as at the Fifth Grade Environmental Education Days.

Rapid Response

Report Progress

Alicia gave a report on what the rapid response report is, which is still in progress.

Financial Assistance

Discussion on how much should be contributed towards these reports was held. Alicia explained that this is completed once per species, then after that treatment would begin.

Motion by Mark to contribute 50% of funds up to a \$10,000 max match amount. 2nd by Paul.

Motion carried unanimously.

Inspection Structure - 2017

2017 has a budget of \$130,000 , of that \$2,000 is paid to Clearwater to employ Stearns County inspectors. This budget covers inspections from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The lakes were placed in a tiered systems based on infestations status and visitor totals. John and Sylvia fall under tier one receiving 4 shifts a weekend and 1 shift a week. Beebe, Cedar, Maple Lake, Pulaski, and Sugar are tier two receiving 2 shifts a weekend and 1 shift a week. The remained of the lakes are tier three receiving 1 shift a weekend and 1 shift a week.

Inspection Structure - 2018

Alicia suggested continuing the tiered structure in 2018. Lakes Associations would have to contract directly with Wright SWCD but we could have a uniform contract with just subtle differences in standard agreements depending on the amount.

Monitoring Projects

Discovery Farm

Alicia provided historic data to help understand the purpose of and what data the inspections provide.

Crow River

Alicia outlined the testing plans given the reduced costs allocated to the project. This included identifying the method of testing, locations, and frequency.



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Limestone Projects

Martha Soil Samples

Funding has depleted for the Lake Martha soil samples. Alicia asked the board if a \$1,000 contribution would be supported to continue the testing.

Motion by Lynn to contribute \$1,000 and to ask the Lake Association for additional funds. 2nd by Mark. Motion carried unanimously.

PTMApp Update

Alicia updated the Task Force on the progress of the Sugar Lake watershed analysis. There are some bugs in the program but Sugar Lake is nearly done. Granite Lake is next in line.

One Watershed One Plan

North Fork Crow Update

Alicia outlined the status of the plan. Consensus was to stick to the core items in order to provide a simple plan for people to follow.

Mississippi – St. Cloud Update

Alicia explained the opportunity to apply for funding to create a plan for the Mississippi River. This would require an application to be filed jointly with other jurisdictions.

Motion by Paul to apply for the grant funding to prepare the plan. 2nd by Lynn. Motion carried unanimously.

Urban Influence

Lynn gave a brief overview of her concerns. Due to little time left this topic will continue to be discussed at the next meeting.

County Fair

Sign ups for the county fair will take place at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

June 15, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Lynn. 2nd by Mark.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32