



Wright County Water Management

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

MINUTES

Water Management Task Force

June 15, 2017 6:00pm

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Doug Triplett, Paul Zabinski, Bob Peterson, Bob Peterson, Jeff Burns, Mark Daleiden, Brian Hagen, Alicia O'Hare, Bob Peterson, Diane Sander (phone), David Marquart, Cole Loewen, Russ Fortner.

Approvals

Agenda

Motion by Mark to approve agenda 2nd by Doug

Motion passed unanimously

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Motion by Mark to approve meeting minutes 2nd by David

Motion passed unanimously

Budget

Motion by Mark to table budget to next meeting 2nd by Jeff

Motion passed unanimously

Aquatic Invasive Species

Regional Inspection Pilot

Alicia provided a draft of the program prepared by Greater Lake Sylvia Association. Wright County Soil and Water would submit the final draft to the MN DNR. The program requires boats to be inspected at regional sites. The boats would receive a seal connecting the boat to the trailer, as well as a certificate to place on the vehicle dash. The seal would be broken at the launch and placed in a drop box.

Motion by Paul to approve draft 2nd by Mark

Motion passed unanimously

Education Updates

Gas Stations

The pump toppers and other advertisements have been installed.



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Multi-County Cooperation

Yard signs have been purchased and made. 22 lake associations partaking in the signage with 10 signs per lake being free.

Activities/Events

Alicia explained that they plan to have pictures of AIS available for viewing at the County Fair. Cole suggested showing a video of AIS at the fair as well if possible.

Alicia further informed the group that volunteers will come together on August 5th to search for Stary Stone Wart. Stary Trek was coined the event name. Volunteers will be educated on what the species looks like, and then sent to various lakes to search for it.

Rapid Response

Report Progress

Alicia stated the target completion date for the report is August 5th.

Financial Assistance

The grant funding application is available to submit for online.

Inspection Update

Inspections were underway and going well. Inspectors are educating people as they come across items of concern.

Land owners have expressed concern to the inspectors about private boat launches. The theory is individuals are visiting various lakes then returning to their own private launch and placing the boat back into the water without a proper inspection.

Inspection Structure - 2018

The 2018 structure was reviewed. Discussion continued on French Lake and the lack of inspections. Questions stemmed around the launch and who owned it.

Monitoring Projects

Discovery Farm

Alicia stated staff is visiting the site as needed..

Crow River

Alicia stated a site visit will be scheduled for August.



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Limestone Projects

Martha Soil Samples

Some members visited the site prior to the meeting in order to gain an understanding of how the filter functions. Soil samples will continue to be collected throughout the year.

French Lake Filter

The French Lake filter location has been surveyed and is now being reviewed by the engineer for feasibility. The filter would be placed on the south side of the lake.

PTMApp

Update

A report has been run for Sugar Lake. Next steps would be to finalize the report, then work with landowners to implement the BMP's. Completion is anticipated mid to late summer.

Granite would finish later on and implement in 2018.

Other Possible Projects

Staff will review the results and look at other watersheds for future suggestions.

One Watershed One Plan

North Fork Crow Update

The PTMApp is nearly complete on the Crow River. The target was 180 practices. Completion should come at the end of 2017. 15 organizations gave input to the plan.

County Water Plan

Clearwater Area Concerns & South Fork of Crow Concerns

Alicia stated the County Plan expires at the end of 2017. The issue is that the One Watershed One Plan does not cover all of Wright County leaving a void in requirements. Cole and Steve gave suggestions on adopting the Clearwater Plan for the rest of the County or amend and extend the existing plan until a permanent plan is adopted.

Urban Influence

Wastewater Treatment

Lynn is leading the initiative to review urban wastewater impact of rivers. Lynn was absent so no discussion was held.



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Other Business

County Fair

Alicia stated volunteers are needed for nitrate sampling. 2016 saw 70 samples. The need is two volunteers for both Friday and Saturday night.

Neighborhood Days

Alicia stated Riverfest has not supported nitrate testing at the event. Jeff suggested trying to attend Riverfest to promote other activities like rain gardens. Could also look to other events for a smaller presence.

Next Meeting

August 17, 2017 at Victor Township beginning at 6 p.m. A site visit to at Discovery Farms will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Paul to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. 2nd by Mark
Motion passed unanimously