



Wright County Water Management

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MINUTES

Water Management Task Force

Thursday, August 17th, 2017

6:00p.m.

Victor Township Hall

8718 90th St SW

Howard Lake, MN 55349

Call to order

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

In Attendance

Doug Triplett, Paul Zabinski, Bob Peterson, Mark Daleiden, Brian Hagen, Alicia O'Hare, Gloria Wynnemer, Jefferson Bishop,

Approvals

Agenda

Motion by Mark to approve agenda 2nd by Paul

Motion passed unanimously

Minutes-February 23rd

Motion by Mark to approve meeting minutes 2nd by Paul

Motion passed unanimously

Budget

Motion by Mark to approve budget 2nd by Bob

Motion passed unanimously

Aquatic Invasive Species

Regional Inspection Pilot

Alicia submitted the plan to DNR in June, Comments returned in July. Updated draft send back to DNR in August. The plan is currently open for public comment. There will be an open forum in Annandale on August 23rd. Plan is for 2017 but hoping to implement for 2018 as well.

Budget

Alicia receiving 230K from DNR for 2018



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Proposing

Activity	Budget
Education	\$20,000
Weed Treatment	\$50,000
Decontamination	\$35,000
Inspections	\$100,000
Rapid Response	\$15,000
Total	\$220,000

2017 Inspection Update

17,000 inspections to date including Clearwater accesses in Stearns County. There are 28 accesses receiving

Inspection Structure-2018

RFP for 2018 Inspections services will be put out this year. But we will need to account for smaller budget.

Rapid Response

Cedar Lake

Cedar Lake found one zebra mussel. Will continue to inventory to find colony for future treatment.

Report

Report is not yet complete.

Education Updates

Gas Stations

The pump toppers and other advertisements have been installed.

Multi-County Cooperation

Yard signs have been purchased and made. 22 lake associations partaking in the signage with 10 signs per lake being free. About 300 signs have been given out. Still will give away some.

Activities/Events

County Fair

Had look alike activity to educate people at County Fair. Thank you to Bob, Doug and Mark who volunteered.



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Starry Trek

15 volunteers in Wright County, 200 statewide. 20 lakes in Wright County with no starry stonewort found. One lake in Stearns County was found to have starry stonewort.

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

Task Force visited the site prior to the meeting. This has been a dry year and the field is in alfalfa which means we aren't getting a lot of data.

Crow River

Water quality is increasing for suspended solids, phosphorus and nitrate from 2008-2012. Monitoring is day at Rockford and Dayton.

Can we get preliminary data of the current year?

Doug suggested that improvements are in part due to farmers using different methods such as spilt application periods and timed released fertilizer.



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Limestone Projects

Martha Soil Samples

Martha soil samples in September to reflect end of year nutrient levels. Water samples are collected every two weeks.

French Lake Filter

Feasibility report was not favorable to install a filter at this French Lake location.

PTMApp

Update

The report for Sugar Lake is nearly done. It will be presented to the lake association in September at the SWCD Board.

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

Six Counties and two watershed districts are participating in the 1W1P for the North Fork of the Crow. Than plan was supposed to be complete at the end of 2017 but is behind.

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. The county will adopt 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

We had 30 nitrate samples this 30 down from 70 in 2016. But there was a lot of interest in the AIS activity

Expense Reports

Expense reports were distributed for signatures.

Next Meeting

Nov 16, 2017 at USDA service center in Buffalo.

Adjourn

Motion by Mark to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. 2nd by Paul
Motion passed unanimously