



Wright County Water Management

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MINUTES

Water Management Task Force
Thursday, November 16th, 2017

6:00p.m.

USDA Service Center
311 Brighton Ave S
Buffalo MN, 55313

Call to order

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

In Attendance

Paul Zabinski, Mark Daleiden, Doug Triplett, Gloria Wynnemer, Bob Peterson, Jeff Burns, Lynn Kissok, Alicia O'Hare, Cole Lowen

Approvals

Agenda

Alicia added Terms to other business on the agenda and Water Task Force Budget was changed to Action.

Motion by Mark to approve agenda 2nd by Paul

Motion passed unanimously

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Motion by Paul to approve meeting minutes 2nd by Mark

Motion passed unanimously

Budget

Motion by Mark to approve budget 2nd by Jeff

Motion passed unanimously

One Watershed One Plan

North Fork of the Crow

The computer is on the last stage of running PTMApp. So far 250-500 practices have been chosen as the "best" in the Wright County area. A draft of the plan will be ready soon. Alicia suggested a special meeting of the Task Force to review the plan in January.



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Aquatic Invasive Species

Regional Inspection Pilot

Unofficial numbers show that 319 inspections were conducted at the Regional Inspection Station between Oct 11 and Oct 31. Only 168 inspection surveys but may be due to no option on survey for empty trailers. Overall seals were given out, returned and the sheriff follow up with violators. No tickets were written, this was intentional since the ordinance was only enforced for 3 weeks. Alicia guesses that the DNR will approve a 2018 plan since they approve the 2017 plan but few changes will be made until an entire season is observed. Alicia will give a

At-the-Ramp

2017 Program

Alicia reported from the money paid for by Wright SWCD and the lake associations resulted in over 17,000 inspections. Violation rates were approximately 1% for both drain plugs and species transport.

2018 Program

Alicia used 2017 data to get inspections per hour. Beebe Lake had the highest inspections per hour (4.6). She will use the data to determine where to put inspectors in 2018 so that we are most likely to get inspections for our money.

Education Updates

Alicia was approached by Kare 11 to potentially contribute to the creation of video advertising. If we could get several counties on board it could be worth it.

Rapid Response

Report

Report is not yet complete.

Pleasant

Eurasian watermilfoil was discovered on Pleasant Lake. Wright SWCD awarded them \$1600 for rapid response

Cedar

Still only found 1 zebra mussel on Cedar Lake, they have done several surveys and zebra mussel sniffing dogs, but still nothing. Cedar is eligible to apply for rapid response funds but they can only apply once. Activities from when the zebra mussel was confirmed until it is deemed treatable or not are eligible. Cole indicated that Clearwater River Watershed District paid for the surveys so Alicia will send them a report when Cedar gets paid.



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Budget

	2015		2016		2017		2018		
Funding	\$	240,722.00	\$	239,772.00	\$	239,772.00	\$	228,040.00	
Rollover	\$	99,075.00	\$	163,600.76	\$	53,785.77	\$	43,534.03	
Total	\$	339,797.00	\$	403,372.76	\$	293,557.77	\$	271,574.03	
	Budget	Spent	Budget	Spent	Budget	Spent	Budget	Spent	
Education	\$	20,000.00	\$	13,363.31	\$	40,000.00	\$	32,779.46	
Treatment	\$	60,000.00	\$	49,396.78	\$	25,000.00	\$	20,170.00	
Decontamination	\$	50,000.00	\$	-	\$	72,000.00	\$	58,872.89	
Inspection	\$	100,000.00	\$	112,423.65	\$	35,000.00	\$	27,692.35	
Administration	\$	-	\$	-	\$	130,000.00	\$	130,482.14	
Projects	\$	-	\$	-	\$	15,000.00	\$	11,206.36	
Contingency	\$	50,000.00	\$	1,012.50	\$	-	\$	-	
Total	\$	280,000.00	\$	176,196.24	\$	393,800.00	\$	349,586.99	
Balance		\$	163,600.76		\$	53,785.77		\$	43,534.03
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Alicia presented the AIS budget as shown. In the past Administration was used to pay CROW but now it will help pay Alicia's salary. Cole reported that this looks similar to Stearns' AIS budget. Alicia state that the treatment grant would be different so more lakes will get at least some money. Paul suggested it would be nice if some more money could be put into treatment.

Motion by Mark, 2nd by Lynn to accept the AIS budget as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Monitoring Projects

Discovery Farm

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 data continuing. Cole said we may be able to view the data on the MPCA website by search "EDA" and using the map to find the site. Alicia will try to get the 2017 data as soon as possible.

Filter Projects

Martha Soil Samples

Martha soil samples were taken in October. There is a distribution of phosphorus, it is more concentrated near the inlet. Is that okay? It will also give us information about the life of the filter.

Mink Filter

A limestone filter was put in on Mink Lake. A couple samples have been taken. Wright SWCD is looking into getting automated samplers.



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PTMApp

Update

Alicia presented the findings from the Sugar Lake Watershed Assessment. PTMApp has its limitations but we are doing our part to improve it. Alicia will be seeking a grant from BSWR to put in the suggested practices and the lake association is in favor of assisting with local match requirements.

Urban Influence

Wastewater Treatment

Lynn suggested utilizing education for good city stormwater practices. The Task Force could find/develop model ordinances for cities to use revolving around grass clippings, salt, etc.

Other Business

Expense Reports

Expense reports were distributed for signatures.

Terms

Alicia informed the Task Force by email after the meeting the Paul and Lynn will be starting new terms. Brian will not be returning for another term. Thank you to all for participating.

Next Meeting

The Task Force will meet on the 4th Thursday of April, June, August and November at 6pm in Buffalo, MN to better align with SWCD board meetings. A special meeting will be held January 25 to review the North Fork 1W1P.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.