



Wright County Water Management

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

MINUTES

Water Management Task Force Meeting

Thursday, September 29th, 2016

USDA Service Center

311 Brighton Ave

Buffalo, MN, 55313

Meeting called to order at 5:32

In attendance-Mark McNamara, Gloria Wynnemer, Doug Triplett, Brian Hagen, Paul Zabinski, Bob Peterson, Russ Greninger, Diane Sander, Alicia O'Hare, Steve Christopher

AIS Task Force

Boat Inspection Update

Diane described over 428,207 inspections statewide and 14,335 inspections took place in Wright County this summer. These numbers are likely higher since some inspectors didn't always fill out survey. The season wraps up in three days, more finalized numbers will be available.

There is concern that the inspectors are not being paid enough. Veteran inspectors could possibly be paid a little extra than new inspectors.

Paul suggested that we could partner with Lake Associations to try to get homeowners to apply for the job or volunteer since they have such a high stake in AIS

Decontamination Update

Diane-There were 6040 decons statewide and 408 in Wright County. There was some unexpected costs with the decon unit like registering the trailer. The unit will be winterized and stored.

Budget

Alicia-We will likely come in under budget. Lakes didn't use all of their allotted money to treat. We expect another \$240,000 from the state next year.

Other Business

Update Prevention Plan

Alicia-It may be a good idea to update out plan by the end of the year. Previous one references 2014-15.

Response Plan

Alicia-It may be good to create a response plan. Diane said it was included in the prevention plan. Alicia will check and use it in the update.

Site Visit

Martha Sand Iron Filter



Wright County Water Management

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

Meet at USDA Service Center-Cancelled due to previous night's rain

Task Force Meeting Agenda Items

Welcome Brian Hagen

Approved by commissioners on September 13th

Agenda

Approval-June Meeting Minutes

Paul motioned to approved minutes, 2nd by Doug. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget

Alicia reviewed some of the previous expenses by the board. However, due to age of some exact expenses are unclear. Little has been done with Task Force money since 2006

Lake Management Plans

Alicia said many Lake Plans were created by partnering with Initiative Foundation. It may be worth considering updating some of these plans. Although we could also wait for the North Fork Watershed Plan to come through.

Equipment Inventory

1. HydroLab
 - a. Alicia-Not maintained properly, will be sent in for service. Likely not worth fixing.
2. Marsh McBirney
 - a. Alicia-took batteries out. Will run forever, no maintenance. Not the most accurate machine
3. Flow Tracker
 - a. Alicia-took batteries out. Needs clean up in battery panel. Better machine than Marsh McBirney.

Member Terms

Year end			
2016	Gloria	Mark M.*	Doug
2017	Brian	Paul	Mayor's
2018	Mark D	Bob	Ag Citizen

Alicia will send out an email each year to the members whose terms are up. They will then respond if they wish to start another term or not.



Wright County Water Management

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

Vacant Seats

We do have a nomination from the Farm Bureau Ag citizen, Dave Marquardt. Alicia will move forward with the County Commissioners to have him approved.

After the election Alicia will approach Mayor's Association to get on an agenda after the New Year. Brian said to contact Paula Bauman of Delano. She organizes the Mayor's Association quarterly dinner which will take place in December.

By-Laws

1. Mission-Now or Later
 - a. Alicia mentioned that the Task Force may want to consider changing their mission since the Water Management Plan will not be external. She suggested "To protect and enhance surface water, ground water, and related land resources of Wright County through the coordination and implementation of Watershed Plans in Wright County". Doug suggested leaving it alone for now.
2. Compensation
 - a. Alicia Updated the compensation to \$55 per meeting based on what Pam had for reimbursement.
3. Timing of Meeting
 - a. Alicia suggested concentrating meetings in the summer so that the Task Force can be more involved during the field season.
 - b. Doug motioned to change the By-Laws to have meetings on 3rd Thursday of January, April, June and August at 6pm. Additional meetings may be called between August and December if necessary. 2nd by Brian. Motion passed.
 - c. Bylaws will allow for specific meetings day and time to be adjusted at the organization meeting at the beginning of the year.
4. Renewal of ByLaws
 - a. Alicia suggested that the ByLaws be updated each year to allow meeting times and compensation to be kept up to date.

Past Projects

County Fair Nitrate Testing

1. Alicia said that 70 Samples were done, nothing over 5 mg/L of nitrate. Alicia said this is good because we are providing a free service to residents because nitrate is a huge issue in the county.
2. Cost of attending the fair was \$300 for booth, staff planning time and 56 hours staffing booth time, 28 corps hours, 12 volunteer hours
3. Alicia would like to do the County Fair next year and possibly an event in the North. Brian suggested attaching to a city clean up or an event in Monticello.



Wright County Water Management

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

Current Projects

Discovery Farm

Alicia has taken 32 tiles samples and 15 Flume samples. This is actually a low number of samples compared to corn years.

This year (alfalfa) chemistry to past few years (corn) update coming in December.

Crow River

Alicia takes 2 samples per month that get sent off to MetCouncil

Alicia will be meeting with the project leader on Oct 11th. Task Force would like MET Council to share results.

The project is a cost share of \$5,000, WSWCD pays rest? Staff time and mileage mostly

Limestone & Iron Filters

1. Martha
 - a. WSWCD is matching a U of M Grant that ends June 2017
 - b. We have been paying for maintenance and twice a month analysis
2. Mink-Somers
 - a. Construction is likely to occur in 2017
 - b. Luke (WSWCD) and the Mink-Sommers LID will soon start talking to contractors
3. French Lake
 - a. Alicia and Luke will survey the sites sometime this fall. At that time we will know more about the possibilities on the site.
4. Dean Lake
 - a. Alicia will continue to try to a hold of the landowner to get permission to assess the site. But will tread carefully due to landowner's health.

One Watershed One Plan

Steve gave an overview of 1W1P

Progress

1. Hopefully as data is gathered PTMApp a BMP analysis tool.
2. Alicia will be attending a meeting about governance structure on 30th
3. Priorities
 - a. Alicia shared the priorities. She will give a better description and example strategies and actions for the next meeting.
4. Citizen Lake Monitoring
 - a. Alicia reported that the last samples were taken September 19th, 29 lakes participated this year
 - b. Alicia is hoping to encourage more lakes to participate next year.

Future/Potential Projects

7:40

1. Lake Management Plans could use renewal as previously discussed.



Wright County Water Management

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

2. Gloria mentioned that an inventory of lake inlets could be an interesting project. Alicia agreed that it will help with some other projects like detailed PTMAp

Other Business

7:50

Site visits

Alicia would like to do site visits during Water Management Task Force meetings.

Buffers

Steven mentioned that the Task Force has the authority to request that waterways be added for consideration under the buffer law.

Adjourn

- c. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.