

**Wright County Water Management**  
**Water Management Task Force**  
Meeting Minutes for June 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chair, Doug Triplett. Present: Doug Triplett, Bob Peterson, Paul Zabinski, Darek Vetsch, Kevin Dahlman, Gloria Wynnemer, Jeff Burns, Alicia O'Hare.

Agenda was approved following a motion by Jeff Burns, a second by Kevin Dahlman.

Minutes for February 28, 2019 were approved following a motion by Darek Vetsch, a second by Kevin Dahlman.

Budget has not changed noted Alicia O'Hare.

Expense reports were kindly circulated by O'Hare.

County Fair dates for 2019 are July 24 – 28. O'Hare noted shifts with Burns accepting Friday morn and Saturday afternoon, Peterson accepting Friday and Saturday afternoon, Triplett accepting whenever needed. Focus will be on soil health and structure.

North Fork One Watershed One Plan changes noted in Organizational Structure with the resignation of Diane Sander and the dissolving of the Crow River Organization of Water. Reorganization decisions are in process. Jeff Burns will represent Wright Soil and Water Conservation District in the plan. Public Participation Plan will outline educational activities such as the Starry Trek search for starry stonewort. Watershed based funding noted first allocation of dollars for four projects, two in Wright County. In Wright \$49,500 for Ditch 10 and \$22,500 for control basins on the Dearing farm. Other projects are in Stearns and Kandiyohi Counties. Expect \$600,000 each year for the North Fork.

Mississippi – St Cloud plan involves three watersheds in Wright County and goes until 2022. The smaller area, the South Fork Crow, will not participate in the One Watershed One Plan. Wright County may extend the water plan. O'Hare asked the committee to help decide if the water plan represents our priorities? Or should the plan be reworked? O'Hare will send the plan and materials to the Task Force to review prior to the next meeting.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). WRIP (Wright Ramp Inspection Program) regional inspection is over with approval from the DNR (Department of Natural Resources). Administrative costs for county are too high. Inspections at the ramps will continue.

AIS give-aways were shared: ink pen, lure, key float and an AIS bag.

Update noted that zebra mussels were found on a Maple Lake dock. DNR was unable to list Maple Lake as infested since zebra mussel was removed. However, the claim is credible and DNR will continue searches. County will establish an AIS Committee this year to focus on AIS issues.

Monitoring Projects; Discovery Farms, Crow River, filters - no change, monitoring and collecting data.

Next meeting will be August 27, 2019. Darek Vetsch motioned to adjourn with second by Paul Zabinski. Motion passed.