

Local Water Plan Meeting
February 23, 2015 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
U of M Extension Building

In attendance:

MNDNR: Tom Stursa, Calub Shavlik, Darrin Hoverson

MPCA: Tim James

Hubbard County SWCD: Bob Iles, Julie Kingsley, Melissa Koebernick

Hubbard County: Eric Buitenwerf, Ed Smith

RRVCSA: Mary Steinlicht

BWSR: Chad Severts, Jeff Hrubes

U of MN Extension: Sally Shearer

Realtor: Marvel Haynes

Hubbard COLA: Dan Kittilson, Lynn Goodrich

NRCS: Dan Pazdernik

Julie Kingsley opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Update Task Force List – we need to fill the following openings: logger, resort owner, farmer, township supervisor, and cities of Park Rapids, Nevis, Akeley and Laporte. Lynn Goodrich said he will talk to his wife Theora who is a Badoura Township Supervisor to see if she would represent townships.

Coordinator's report–

- Prepared a LWP summary report.
- GIS Specialist was hired for 2 Areas to help create maps for LWP
- LWP needs to be completed by July 15, 2015.

Grazing Workshop – Thanked the task force for sponsoring the event. 48 people attended and gave very good reviews. Asked them to consider sponsoring again next year.

Community Partner's Gant – Discussed possible projects at Eagle Bay Resort, Akeley campground, and Mill Street rain gardens.

Local Water Plan Update – Discussed land conversion, the DNR only looks at Water Quantity and Quality but the conversion of the land itself is not regulated. Task force members would like to see land conversion as a priority concern.

Discussed using GIS maps to prioritize areas on a HUC12 basis.

Discussed the Nitrate Clinics, the Dept of Ag will be conducting a township testing study for nitrates in private wells in select townships in Hubbard County by the year 2020.

The task force decided to form sub-committees to work on strategies and priority concerns.

Sub-committees are as follows:

- Surface Water – Darrin Hoverson, Tim James, Jeff Hrubes, Dan Kittilson, Calub Shavlik
- Groundwater – Darrin Hoverson, Marvel Haynes, Lynn Goodrich
- Wetland Habitat – Calub Shavlik, Sally Shearer

2015 Budget – Presented the draft budget as follows:

- \$2,500 Freshwater Festival
- \$4,000 Administrative
- \$3,745 Geologic Atlas
- \$1,300 Lake Water Quality Monitoring
- \$1,200 Water Quality Education
- \$ 500 Nitrate Clinic

Discussed the Geologic Atlas and that we are short on funding to complete it this year. There was mention of trying to use less funds for the Freshwater Festival and apply the unused amounts to the Geologic Atlas.

Sally Shearer made a motion to accept the budget as presented, Marvel Haynes seconded. Opposed: Eric Buitenwerf. Affirmative: All others. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm.