

Local Water Management Plan Task Force Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2017 9:00 a.m.

University Minnesota Extension Meeting Room Park Rapids Fair Grounds – 201 Fair Ave, Park Rapids

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Julie Kingsley

Present: Julie Kingsley, Sally Shearer, Annette Olson, David Olsonawski, Dan Kittilson, Chad Severts, Dan Pazdernik, Lynn Goodrich, Darrin Hoverson, Annette Drewes, Caleb Shavlik.

1. Introductions.

2. Update on the Hubbard Local Water Management Plan:

- a. Julie Kingsley gave update on the Minor watershed maps being developed to help prioritize where work needs to be done. Julie passed several maps around to show what information was included for Mucky Creek/Wallingford Creek in the Crow Wing River watershed that were completed for a grant application. More watershed maps will be coming from Mitch Brinks.
- b. Corrections to the plan, updates, better maps coming and will include Leech lake WRAP, the Straight River Groundwater Management Area plan and the Mississippi Headwaters WRAP when it is completed.
- c. Julie reported on well head protection plans for cities of Park Rapids, Nevis, Akeley and Laporte. Park Rapids just completed their 5 year plan and noted that the protection area has reduced from the previous plan. The Department of Agriculture, is setting up a local work group for Nitrogen Nutrient Management for the Straight River GWMA and City of Park Rapids within the wellhead protection area.
- d. Julie also reported on the following:
 - The Leech Lake One Watershed One Plan (Leech Lake 1W1P) Memorandum of Agreement was recently approved. The first Policy committee meeting is set for April 18, 2017. Create By-laws, approve the work plan and hire a consultant to write the 1W1P will be the first order of business.
 - There are several township roads in Hubbard County with erosion issues from last years' rain events. The roads being Junco Drive in Thorpe Township and Deer View Road in Henrietta Township along the east side of Long Lake which is a priority lake in the LWMP. Grant funding has been received to do work on Deer View Road. --- Grant funding for a storm water retro-fit of Pine Haven Christian Assembly Camp on the south end of Long Lake has also been approved and pervious pavers, rain gutters on buildings, road reconstruction and rain gardens/sediment basins will be constructed to stop the overland runoff during storm events entering Long Lake.
- f. Julie gave an update on the Buffer Program – Inventories are complete for lake shore and public property and that just a few areas will need a physical visit to complete review. There are a few areas that were identified as needed buffers installed. Darrin added that Hubbard County shows 99 percent compliant at this time.

3. 2017 LWMP Budget – Julie highlighted the 2016 LWMP budget. Project/program areas for the LWMP are the 6th Grade Freshwater Festival scheduled for May 17, 2017; the

Grazing Workshop was held Feb. 28, 2017; water quality monitoring for Hubbard COLA; Program Implementation/Education – several presentations to COLA, League of Women Voters, Meet and Greet the SWCD; free Nitrate testing is being done the 1st Friday of every month at the SWCD office and will also be at the Shell River County Fair in Park Rapids July 14 and 15, 2017.

Discussion was held on how to set the 2017 budget. Thoughts to lump the activities dollars together to share. Our grant dollars are figured by a percent of our county land values. The spreadsheet handout shows the breakdown of the project expenses in 2016 only.

Question on where the donations play into the programs and they weren't shown on the graph presented. The task force would like to see more information on other grant and donations in the future. Dan Kittilson moved to leave the budget as is, Sally Shearer seconded. Discussion included to amend the motion to lump the Grazing, Freshwater Festival and Program Implementation/ Education dollars into one amount to share. This will allow for other possible programs as money allows. Dan Kittilson moved to amend the original motion to lump the allocated funds for the Grazing Workshop, Freshwater Festival and Program Implementation/Education funds into one amount under Program Implementation for the 2017 budget, Sally Shearer seconded the amended motion. Motion carried.

2017 Hubbard LWMP Budget

2017 Projects/Programs	Local Water Plan	2017 Levy
\$4,000.00	Administration	
\$6,945.00	Program implementation – Freshwater, grazing etc.	
\$1,300.00	Lake Water quality monitoring - COLA	
\$1,000.00	Nitrate Testing each month & at County Fair	
	Coordinator	\$8,566.00
\$13,245.00	TOTALS	\$8,566.00

4. Other

- Sally Shearer University MN Extension is holding classes and is branching out to include farms and forestry.
- Darrin Hoverson, working with the SWCD, covered a 3 part strategy project for Long Lake watershed– Agricultural BMP, Nitrogen Plan, and Storm Water Plan to identify 25 projects, pick 5 and write up a grant to fund the high priority projects. Darrin also reported on work starting with culvert crossings to figure out options for replacement in Henrietta Township. He also mentioned that land owners should be taking advantage of the programs available to help them plan and manage their private forest property. It would help them with manage their forests. Some programs that are available in the area are EQIP, SFIA Tax Credit, DNR Forestry Cost Share, and new

Hubbard SWCD Forest Stewardship program. He would like to see pamphlets on the available programs through SWCD.

Peysenske and Duck Lake were added to the water level monitoring program and the DNR is looking at adding more lakes in Becker County. The Straight River Groundwater Management Plan was recently signed for the Straight River watershed.

- Dan Pazdernik would like to some sort of soil education program sometime in the future through Extension/SWCD/NRCS.
- Caleb Shavlik reported that the MPCA Crow Wing River WRAP is in its second phase. DNR Fisheries has begun sampling of fish species in the Crow Wing River Watershed.
- Annette Drewes is in her first year as the DNR Clean Water Specialist and the designated lead for One Watershed One Plan projects. She has been attending meetings around the area to get information on what the local SWCD's are doing.

5. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.