

Local Water Plan Meeting
March 13, 2014 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
U of M Extension Building

In attendance:

BWSR: Jeff Hrubes

Dan Pazdernik

MNDNR: Darrin Hoverson, Calub Shavlik, Tom

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MPCA: Tim James

Duane Splittstoesser

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

Hubbard County Commissioner: Kathy Grell

Realtor: Marvel Haynes

Hubbard COLA: Dan Kittilson, Lynn Goodrich

Hubbard County NRM: Mark Lohmeier

Julie Kingsley opened the meeting and introductions were made.

Update on LWP – we were granted a new extension so we could include the WRAPS reports. Also, there was a grant awarded for our area that will provide a GIS Specialist to help with our local water plan.

The priority concerns that were agreed upon at an earlier meeting were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the DNR is now working on a groundwater management area for Straight River.

Discussed Community Partner's Grant, there is a deadline of March 31 for new applications. The new applications will be sent to the task force for review and a meeting will be held the first week in April to approve applications that meet the criteria.

Darrin Hoverson showed the task force members maps and tables on how the DNR will rank priorities in the Crow Wing Watershed. These concerns along with other suggested concerns can then be taken from the WRAP and brought into the local water plan. This should help focus efforts to help turn these concerns into implementation.

There was discussion regarding the Shoreland Ordinances and variance process, along with discussion about point of sale septic ordinances.

The 2014 Budget and programs were discussed and Bob Iles made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Marvel Haynes. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

During this discussion, it was decided to no longer fund the ET Hotline. There is a new program called the Irrigation Scheduler Program that provides this information on East Ottertail's website and you can have the information e-mailed directly to you. There will be a link on Hubbard SWCD's website for the ET information.

The task force gave permission to Hubbard SWCD to use 2014 funds to purchase a spectrophotometer to have in the office to test water for nitrates. The SWCD is planning on holding monthly nitrate testing in the office, plus have the nitrate testing clinic at the county fair.

Julie will send a doodle poll to find which day works best for the meeting in April. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.