

## MINUTES

### Local Water Management Plan Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 9:30 am

Northwoods Bank Community Room

**Present:** Tom Stursa, Marvel Haynes, Dan Pazdernik, Darrin Hoverson, Bill Westerberg, Julie Kingsley

The meeting was opened at 9:40 am by Julie Kingsley

Introductions were made.

1. The 2016 Hubbard County Local Water Management Plan was reviewed
  - a. This is a 10 year plan
  - b. This plan is based on minor watersheds, not just a certain length of stream or a single lake
  - c. Incorporates the Crow Wing River Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS). Will also incorporate the Leech Lake River WRAPS when completed this year and at the end of next year the Mississippi Headwaters WRAPS.
  - d. A copy of the plan was passed around. More GIS maps included in this edition to help prioritize, target and then implement measurable projects in those identified minor watersheds. Some specific projects that were identified in the LWMP are the Necktie River and Long Lake.
2. LWMP Budget:
  - a. The 2015 budget was reviewed. The Geologic Survey has been completed so \$3,745.00 is available for other areas. The 2016 Freshwater Festival (FWF) speaker's fees (Tom Gibson and Headwater Science Center) went up approximately \$200 each for the year so the SWCD had to cover the overage. Water education had budgeted \$1,200.00 which went for the Grazing Workshop. Nitrate testing done at the county fair and at the SWCD office the first Friday of every month has increased costs for consumables for the sampling and was at \$500.00.

2015	Local Water Plan	Levy
\$ 2,500.00	Freshwater Festival (FWF)	
\$ 4,000.00	Administration	
\$ 3,745.00	Geologic Survey	
\$ 1,300.00	Lake Quality Monitoring	
\$ 1,200.00	Water Quality Education (includes grazing workshop)	
\$ 500.00	Nitrate testing	
\$ -	Coordinator	\$ 8566.00
<b>\$ 13,245.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,566.00</b>

b. The 2016 Budget will now be

2016	Local Water Plan	Levy
\$ 3,000.00	Fresh water festival (FWF)	
\$ 4,000.00	Administration	
\$ 1,545.00	Program implementation	
\$ 1,300.00	Lake Water Quality monitoring	
\$ 2,400.00	Water Quality Education (includes Grazing workshop)	
\$ 1,000.00	Nitrate testing	
\$ -	Coordinator	\$ 8,566.00
<b>\$13,245.00</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 8,566.00</b>

This 2016 budget update includes:

- Additional \$500.00 to the Freshwater Festival
- Adds a category of Program implementation (with left over funds from Geologic Survey)
- Additional \$1,200.00 for Water Quality education (including Grazing Workshop)
- Additional \$500.00 to Nitrate testing

3. Community Partner application for Pine Haven Christian Assembly Camp stormwater application.

- a. Bill Westerberg, Joint Powers Engineer for Area 8, was present. He was unable to complete the plans but discussed what would be in phase one of the plan for this year's application.
- b. This grant has funding until December 2016 and has to be used or sent back to BWSR.
- c. Clarification on "rock garden" as stated in the original application. This would actually be a rain garden or even an underground water infiltration system.
- d. The LWMP committee wanted more information on how the "Community" would be involved: including support from Long Lake association. This was listed in the application.
- e. The LWMP committee wanted to know the amounts of sediment/contaminants entering the lake and what the water quality improvement would be in a measurable amount to be included in the application.
- f. The plan was premature to bring to this meeting, but we are on a tight time line to get the funds expended. Bill Westerberg will need to complete the plans. We hope to have the plans and amended application available by mid-July, hold another LWMP Task Force meeting in later part of July to get the approval of the SWCD Board of Supervisors to approve at the August 10, 2016 meeting with construction to begin after approval. Julie Kingsley will be sending out a doodle poll for the end of July for another LWMP meeting.

4. Other Topics of discussion:

- a. Nitrate levels in private water wells. The Department of Agriculture is holding a Township wide nitrate well testing program in Hubbard, Becker and Wadena Counties. Six Townships

in Hubbard County are being done (Todd, Henrietta, Straight River, Hubbard, Crow Wing Lake and Badoura Townships). All residents in those townships will receive a letter explaining the program, a week later they will receive a water sample bottle with instructions on how to collect a sample and then mail it back to RMB Labs in Detroit Lakes. Some residents are now receiving their nitrate level results back. Julie Kingsley had two phone calls last week from low income people whose wells tested at 20 ppm and 22 ppm and were very concerned and asked if there was some sort of assistance for them to install a reverse osmosis system. Darrin Hoverson mentioned the possibility of an Ag. BMP loan program which might be available. Julie Kingsley will follow up on this.

5. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Minutes by Julie Kingsley LWMP Coordinator 6/28/2016.