

Planning Work Group for Root River, One Watershed One Plan
Monday, July 6, 2015

In attendance: Tom Gile, Adam King, Krysta Hovendon (Dodge SWCD Conservation Corps Apprentice), Daryl Buck, Sheila Harmes, Dave Walter, Jennifer Ronnenberg, Justin Hanson, Mark Deutschman, Donna Rasmussen

Open meeting: Sheila Harmes facilitated the meeting which opened at 12:42 p.m.

Confirm meeting dates / potential conflicts: August 5th Policy Committee will focus on governance and will match to elements in the plan. Money will also be discussed. Match money being spent today with new initiatives in the plan to determine if there is enough to completed the work or if there is a shortage. HEI will prepare a questionnaire with a list of the initiatives and how much from local budgets is spent on each. Sections 1 and 2 of the draft plan will be reviewed by the PWG and provided to the Policy Committee for their review on August 5th. Specific sections of the plan that relate to governance will also be provided for that meeting. The first level of review will be high level to be sure what we are doing now is included plus those things we can or can't live without. The second round of review will get into the details. HEI will sort and flag those for discussion and revision.

Walk Through of the Draft Plan:

- Focus is on the "A" priorities. Review the plan annually to update priorities. Determine a process for setting priorities. Look at the initiatives and make sure they make sense.
- The PWG will meet on July 20th at 1 p.m. at the Conservation Building to review sections 1, 2 and 5. Information from that review should be sent to Mark by July 22. Each section should be reviewed by the PWG to be ready to give to the Policy Committee for their review.
- PTMapp will help identify the sources and BMP suitability (location, type).
- Mark will develop some ballpark funding numbers for the initiatives.
- The governance discussion should consider existing agreements, such as the Technical Service Area-JPB, the Water Resources Board, the current MOA, etc.
- Questionnaires on flooding, water quality and natural resources have been done by HEI in Geofom by ESRI. The flooding one is ready to use even though it is not an "A" priority. Groundwater questionnaire will focus on private wells. Utilize those developed by the Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network.
- Road damages: send a shapefile to Mark if it's available to help identify where projects may be needed.
- Mark will develop a list of potential topics to cover with the Advisory Committee. He will need feedback on specific issues. He will also update the schedule for all meetings. If Advisory Committee members cannot attend a meeting, they will be asked to submit their input by a certain date.
- Today's Policy Committee discussion highlighted some communication issues. All meeting notes will be provided to them as part of their mailings, not just available on the website.

Summary of Meeting Decisions

- July 20th meeting: PWG reviews sections 1,2 and 5.
- Conference call with Mark to discuss August 5th agenda.
- Mark will:
 - compile list of topics for the Advisory Committee
 - update meeting schedule
 - get draft plan to Tom Gile
 - develop questionnaires (Donna provide questions to Mark on groundwater/wells from Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network survey)
- Get road damage information to Mark
- Advisory Committee meeting in early to mid- August if possible. Discuss their role in the initiatives.

Adjourned at 3:40 p.m.