

Planning Work Group for Root River One Watershed One Plan

August 6, 2020

9:00am

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Attendees: Adam Beilke, BWSR; Shaina Keseley, BWSR; Emily Zanon, MPCA; Adam King, Dodge SWCD; Laura Christensen, Fillmore SWCD; Nikki Shaw, Fillmore SWCD; Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD; Caitlin Brady, Olmsted SWCD; Bob Scanlon, Root River SWCD; Dan Wermager, Root River SWCD; Sheila Harmes, Winona County; Daryl Buck, Winona County SWCD; Kevin Benck, St. Mary's University; Kevin Stark, St. Mary's University;

Start Meeting @ 09:00.

- GIS - Kevin Stark & Kevin Benck, St. Mary's University:
 - Currently no progress on new subwatershed for hydroconditioning due to Covid-19 restrictions at St. Mary's University.
 - Showed group how different conservation practices appear in the model; waterways, ponds, etc. Showed for major purpose of ground-truthing and making sure that the data in the map make sense.
 - Emily Zanon shared the following link for use with the ACPF model for cross-referencing and ground truthing:
 - <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/best-management-practices-implemented-watershed>
 - Adam Beilke shared the following link for use with the ACPF model for cross-referencing and ground truthing:
 - <https://gisdata.mn.gov/dataset/env-state-cons-bmp-locs>
- Monitoring/research/engagement projects – Emily Zanon, MPCA:
 - Update on Root River WRAPS Cycle 2, and getting a better idea of pre-WRAPS projects.
 - Next step: Drafting of monitoring report.
 - In the next two months, a wish list from the Planning Workgroup would be wanted.
 - * Where is more work needed? Is it feasible? Finalized list and proposed cost by the end of August.
- WCPI update – Bob Scanlan (filling in for Dan Wermager), Root River SWCD:
 - Still good progress being made on contact list – 84% complete with phone call list.
 - 7 walkovers completed since June 15th; 1 in Winona County, 6 in Houston County.
 - 93 plans completed out of goal of 100.
 - Next focus area will be Riceford Creek for outreach and field visits.

- Pre-Construction Cover using Watershed-Based Funding – Sub-committee update of Local Policy revision – Daryl Buck, Winona SWCD:
 - Discussion among Planning Workgroup.

- Update on Prairie Strip Incentive Payments using Watershed-Based Funding – Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD:
 - Discussion among Planning Workgroup.
 - Fishers & Farmers grant has been secured.

- Discuss Bylaws of the Root River Watershed 1W1P Policy Committee – Daryl Buck, Winona SWCD:
 - Reviewed comment from Winona County Attorney & guidance from MCIT.
 - Planning Workgroup agreed with updates, will bring to Policy Committee for approval.

- Next meetings:
 - Advisory Committee meeting
 - Email update will be sent to Advisory Committee.

 - Policy Committee meeting – August 24, 2020:
 - Agenda reviewed.

 - Planning Work Group meeting:
 - September 1st, 2020, 9:00am.

- Other:
 - Budget COVID-19 impact update from BWSR.

Meeting End @ 11:00