

POMME DE TERRE RIVER WATERSHED
1W1P Planning Committee
USDA ARS Soils Lab
July 12th, 2017
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting began at 1:00PM
Greg Lillemon volunteered as Note Taker for the Day

Planning Committee Members present: Brad W.; BWSR, Greg L.; Grant LM, Joe M; Andy A.; Swift SWCD, Grant SWCD, Bill K.; OTC, Brag M.; WOT SWCD, Ben U.; WOT SWCD, Beau P.; Big Stone SWCD, Darren W.; Big Stone, Paul W.; MPCA, Matt S.; Stevens SWCD, Ryan B.; DNR, Emily S.; DNR, Annette D.; DNR, Ryan L.; MDA, Pete W.; BWSR, Jenilynn M.; MDH. Camilla C.; EOR, Stephanie A.; PDTRA Coordinator.

Intro

Round-table introductions were made

Stephanie Reviewed the involved committees with the Pomme de Terre Watershed One Watershed, One Plan planning process including the Policy cmte, Planning cmte (BWSR-referred to as "Technical Advisory"), the North and South Citizens Cmte, and Working Groups(s). Pomme de Terre River Association is the fiscal/admin agent for planning process.

1W1P Timeline Review

EOR: Discussed and reviewed timeline for planning process. A final version of this will be sent to committee.

Conversation on meetings time/place and "Web X"/ conference call capabilities were discussed. May need to move to County Courthouse or Ag County Services. Stephanie will work on this before next meeting to allow people to call in from distance.

Meeting times will be moved to 9:30AM and the 1st Wednesday of each Month. Meeting reminders and agendas will be emailed 1 week prior to meeting.

Steph: Discussed web page that will soon be available on www.pdtriver.org regarding 1W1P meetings, minutes, workplan, event info, etc.

Data Aggregation

EOR: Reviewed data collections needed and process to acquire it. With request to submit within 2 weeks to stay on task (July 26th)

- MPCA: HSPE model being updated as well as SAM. MPCA shooting to have this available around October.
- MPCA: Cycle 2 of intense water monitoring started this year so may be able to use summary of data collected thus far for data review
- Include Wellhead protection plans and other relevant plans
- **Send plans to Stephanie**

Conversation on including City Water Works in Planning Committee: Decided to invite when appropriate.

DNR: State Plans available to incorporate? i.e. Rare Endangered, Protection Strategies, etc.

MDH: Question on who will carry through implementation: PDTRA has a TAC and JPB in place already carrying implementation plans and plans to continue.

Discussion on citizen involvement within Planning Committee.

Question on previous Sedimentation Study?

60-Day Notice Responses

MDA, MDH, MPCA, BWSR, and DNR has sent in their responses. These will be posted on PDTRA – 1W1P webpage and have been sent to Camilla - EOR

Public Info Meeting

DNR: Should not interfere with Governor Water Tour

When: 2 meetings (North and South) during week of **Sept. 18th – 22nd**. Should try and avoid overlapping with City Council meetings to the best we can and avoid back-to-back meetings. Will be held **4:00PM – 7:00PM**

Where: Old #1 would be a good choice for Southern Watershed Area. Either Dalton Community Center or The Legend in Ashby for Northern Watershed.

Format: Open-house style with information from each of the agencies about their programs.

Opportunity for community members to express concerns. Survey. two 10-15min presentations about the plan?: To be further discussed at August meeting.

Planning committee Commitment: comments on the importance of the Planning Committee's Participation at Public Info Meeting.

Advertisement: Avenues for advertisement were discussed. Newspapers, website, Facebook, radio, County Fairs, potential to reach out to Lake Associations, MPCA Volunteers, Rotary Clubs, UMM students/facility, etc. Specific ideas should be directed to Stephanie.

Public Engagement

EOR: Discussion on project website, social media, pamphlets with info, advertising with articles, list serve? (PdTRA does not have one).

Steph: PDTRA has been working on increasing social media and web-blog interaction (updates on PDTRA projects, monitoring, general water quality information) – this has been mainly tasked to the PDTRA's Seasonal Tech – Nicole. Still being worked on – occurrences are depended on current workload of Project. Cord. And Tech (it's been busy).

Watershed Bus Tour

September 13th, 2017 8:30AM – 4:00PM meeting at Barrett Lake Pavilion

Steph: Has been under development by the 1W1P Steering committee (committee made up of PDTRA TAC members before 1W1P Grant Agreement was executed) up until now and has a sub-committee involving Stephanie, Joe M, Andy A., and Danica M.

- An all-day bus tour of the watershed to discuss land use, issues, conservation successes, plans (i.e. wellhead protection), promote 319-funded projects, and begin discussion on issues, priorities, and goals for 1W1P

- Tour is Mandatory for all PDTRA 1W1P Committee Members (Policy, Planning, N. and S. Citizens) and will be a good opportunity to network with each other.
- Tour Route Drafted, to be reviewed by subcommittee on July 18th, route will be shared with everyone for review to add their comments.
- Counties /agencies need to put together “tid-bits” they want to share in a tour-packet. Draft of this is due at next meeting (August 2nd)
- Steph will be sending physical welcome letters and invites to CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) early August and will email the other committees.
- Bus is limited to 56 people, so list of people is tight: need to stick to *just* the committees.
- More to be discussed at next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00

Next Meeting is set for August 2nd, 9:30AM. Location TBD.