

## POMME DE TERRE RIVER WATERSHED

### 1W1P Planning Committee

USDA ARS Soils Lab

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

### MEETING MINUTES

Meeting began at 9:00AM

Andy Albertson as Note Taker

*Planning Committee Members Present: Mitch K.; Big Stone SWCD, Bill Kalar; WOT, Ben U.; EOT SWCD, Brad M.; WOT SWCD, Danica D.; Douglas SWCD; Greg L.; Grant, Joe M.; Grant SWCD, Pete W.; BWSR, Matt S.; Stevens SWCD, Emily S; DNR, Paul W.; MPCA, Andy A.; Swift SWCD, Bill K.; Stevens, Jeni M.; MDH, Annette D.; DNR.*

#### Intro

- Introductions were made
- Request for EOR info forms to be returned ASAP
- EOR refined information list for 1W1P plan development
- Data collection phase (handout)
  - o Explanation on the prioritization process
  - o Further refinement, starting with broad topics and boiling down to a comprehensive watershed priority scheme and ultimately an implementation plan
  - o EOR will be reviewing documents/plans between now and October and identify priority issues and implementation strategies
  - o EOR will present a summary of plan review in October
  - o It will be a running list, so plans can be added as necessary
  - o County Comprehensive Plans can be submitted as a part of this process as well

#### Zonation

- Two handouts
- Completed for watershed in 2013, based on social values of survey participants
- Four steps of process
  - o Pick out parameter concern areas, watershed attributes.
    - Biology, Water Quality, Hydrology and Geomorphology, Connectivity, Agriculture
  - o Assign values to these aspects. Series of pair-wise comparisons to establish ranking system
  - o Run the model, stacking items of importance
  - o Priority areas are identified.
- Product is dependent upon those who completed survey and their results
- LiDAR didn't exist when this was completed initially, could revisit zonation to have this added. Other layers are same/similar.
- Zonation survey can be revised to have additions.
  - o Irrigation data? # of pivots
  - o Urbanization around lakes
  - o Stream power index
  - o Buffer protection map and county ditch data
  - o Drinking water supply management areas
- Wouldn't be a significant process to update model

- Planning committee would take survey, 30-60 minutes
- Policy committee could do broad comparisons
- Could wait until PTMapp is completed for those results to be included into Zonation model
- Surveys could be completed online and incorporated into 1W1P prioritization process
- Layer selection can be completed at October meeting with synthesis review results from EOR on priority issues.
- The prioritization survey will be sent out electronically after the meeting to be completed prior to the November meeting, with zonation model ran and completed in November.

### **Watershed Bus Tour**

- Draft itinerary was emailed out along with the draft route
- Tour will begin at Tipsanah
- Water samples will be collected along the tour for a visual comparison after the tour
- Discussion on altering route in West Ottertail
  - o Land use impact from infrastructure and utilities
- For tour packet
  - o Near beginning: List of accomplishments for PdT
    - Money spent, Load reductions, Projects and practices numbers
- Lake Christina discussion
  - Emily will speak on management aspects
- Pictures and video can be utilized on the bus route
  - Send to Steph if you want them to be included in the tour
- South of Pelican Lake, Paul will speak about ecoregions
- Wellhead protection and storm water runoff discussion will occur around Morris. Jenny from MDH will likely speak on this.
- Potentially stop at stream barb project in Morris if we are ahead of schedule
- Questionable stops in Swift, weather and project dependent
- Point out projects along the way, in passing
- There will likely be a prize for the winner of tour trivia
- Submit tour packet materials to Steph by the end of August
- **September 6<sup>th</sup> deadline for RSVP of tour**

### **Public Information Meetings**

- Dates and time
  - o Fourth week of October, no longer in September
  - o Meeting from 4:00-7:00pm
  - o South region will meet at Old #1 Restaurant in Morris
  - o North region will meet at Community Center in Dalton
- Have a few different booths set up
  - o Water quality using samples from tour
  - o Map to show where you live in watershed
  - o EOR Presentation
  - o Nicole can set up a hands-on activity
  - o Kids table with activities
  - o Food provided
  - o WHAF flyover demo
- Who is our target audience?
- How do we want to advertise?

- Local papers
- Timeline seems somewhat rushed, might be more beneficial to have more time to plan
- Utilize the CAC to invite the entities these represent, ask them what they feel would be more the best kind of meeting set up.
- **Annette, Jenny, Steph, and Danica will be a sub-committee to formulate a plan of action for citizen engaging meetings.**
- **October 4<sup>th</sup>** is next Planning Committee meeting, location is ARS Lab in Morris at **9:00am**.