



Type of Meeting: Shell Rock Winnebago One Watershed, One Plan Advisory Committee

Date: Dec 17, 2020

Time: 9:00- 11:00 AM

Location: Zoom call

Facilitator: Paul Marston, RESPEC

Attending: Dan Girolamo, DNR; Jennifer Ronnenberg, MDH; Emily Zanon, MCPA; Steven Jahnke, City of Albert Lea; Dave Copeland, BWSR; Shaina Keseley, BWSR; Dillon Kubiatoicz, Freeborn County; Holly Karsjens, CVB; Brenda Lageson, Freeborn SWCD; Chad Billet, Freeborn SWCD; Rachel Wehner, Freeborn County; Courtney Phillips, SRRWD; Andy Henschel, SRRWD; Dalton Syverson, City of Albert Lea; Jack Korman, Farmer; Julia Thompson, Albert Lea Anglers; Bill Howe, Sportsman's Club; Laura Cunningham, Lakes Foundation Member.

1. Introduction

- Courtney opened up the meeting and turned it over to Paul Marston, the Respec consultant.
- Paul opened by going over the agenda and what he would like to accomplish for the meeting

2. Catch-Up Review

- Paul talked about how he incorporated the responses from the last Advisory Committee meeting and what the Steering Committee has done since that time. Paul discussed the scenarios development, measuring, targeted and management areas and described the 'heat map' that was developed based on the SAM spreadsheet tool.

3. Discuss Reference Materials

- The Advisory did not have any questions on the materials that were provided so Paul went into discussing the issue statement document.

4. Issue Statement Framework

- Under the surface water storage section of the issue statement framework, Paul discussed the results. This included the management zones, the BMP acres that result, the total acres treated and the cost of that per year.
- Under water quality, there were 2 results that were talked about and that includes baseline conditions and the 1W1P scenarios. Dan Girolamo asked about Freeborn County restored wetlands versus total storage acres gained. Paul is going to dip deeper into Dan's question.

- Emily Zanon provided a comment in the chat that there are other water storage goals outside of the restored wetland. Paul commented that he will bring other water storage goals to the Steering Committee for possible inclusion.
- The group then discussed the remaining issue statement framework document, comments that resulted included:
 - i. Emily commented to make the Table 6 drainage outlet more flexible.
 - ii. Dave Commented that its mission erosion and sediment control, perhaps just an update and reference will do. Emily also mentioned adding impacts from altered hydrology
 - iii. Dan mentioned there be BMPs to solve shoreland problems such as vegetation and shoreland ordinance. He would like to see shoreland and vegetation management as an important BMP.
 - iv. Dave brought up the No Till Magazine subscriptions.
 - v. Emily addressed the University of Minnesota's Atlas restorable wetlands tool.
 - vi. In the groundwater sections, Jennifer asked about where the 1400 came from. Dalton referenced the permit and Dan thinks it came from MPARS. Dan mentioned we are not in western MN with the water law. MN DNR cannot deny a water permit.
 - vii. Jennifer also talked about sustainability studies, she is leery about assigning a number value first. Emily suggested DNR review process be added to the groundwater goal.
 - viii. Jennifer questioned the 5 well sealings a year. Dalton mentioned that they do 2 a year, and the County mentioned they receive around 3 a year. It is a realistic number.
 - ix. Jennifer recommended a process for well sealing such as putting together a prioritization process that includes age, depth, etc.
 - x. Laura Cunningham liked the idea to embark on educational mission with vegetation management with the shoreline in urban areas and mentioned a shoreline symposium. She also mentioned that wake boats and wake surfing is an ongoing concern with vegetation
 - xi. Replacing Fountain Lake Dam was discussed, also the sheriff dialog on water restrictions
 - xii. Jennifer asked that we connect with Jeff on DWSMA locations
 - xiii. There was a comment to include the Geologic Atlas information as an action item.

5. Next steps

- Paul provided closing comments. He will send out the document and provide the group with time to comment.