

# SHELL ROCK - WINNEBAGO RIVER ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT OUT NOTES - DRAFT

December 16, 2019  
Freeborn County Courthouse, Albert Lea, MN  
9:00-10:30am

### ATTENDEES:

/ Courtney Phillips, SRRWD	/ Dalton Syverson, City of Albert Lea	/ Jeff Berg, MDA
/ Brenda Lageson, Freeborn SWCD	/ Jack Korman, Local Farmer	/ Jennifer Ronnenberg, MDH
/ Chad Billet, Freeborn SWCD	/ Mark Morreim, Drainage Installer	/ Sue Miller, Freeborn Highway Department
/ Rachel Wehner, Freeborn County	/ Steve Jahnke, City of Albert Lea	/ Bill Howe
/ Julia Thompson, Albert Lea Anglers	/ Michelle Stindtman, Faribault SWCD	/ Dave Copeland, BWSR
/ Phil Wacholz, City of Albert Lea	/ Andy Henschel, SRRWD	/ Dan Girolamo, DNR
/ Susie Peterson, CVB	/ Emily Zanon, MPCA	/ Katy Thompson, RESPEC

### Advisory Committee Report Out

- / Natural Resources – Emily Zanon
  - » Adequately captured the topics
  - » Upland habitat and ecological value land issues were similar – make clear distinction from the two; Needs more refinement
  - » Discuss funding sources
  - » 1. Upland habitat – recent years more acres are enrolled in CRP
  - » 4. Soil Health – easy, alternative crop markets; there is a soil health component to all the issues.
  - » 5. Invasives – Huge task, prioritize top 5, protection should be #1 goal. Separate out aquatic vs. terrestrial?
  - » Forested Areas, don't forget.
- / Surface Water – Jeff Berg
  - » Clarification and itemization concerns with the issue statements (nutrients, sediment, bacteria)
    - Erosion and Sediment Control #1 – Clarify if for all land uses or just streambank? Floodplains or upland?
    - Surface Water Quality #2 – Issue statement needs clarifying – categorize and prioritize waterbodies. New technology included?
    - Surface Water Quantity #3 – Should be broken into two issues –
      - 1. Loss of wetlands, not necessarily the only place to store water
      - 2. Extreme weather could be a separate issue (add to floodplain section)
  - » Education and communication and outreach TMDL and WRAPS – realistic numbers?
- / Groundwater – Jennifer Ronnenberg
  - » Issue statement #1 feels too long, break up into two statements:
    - 1. Lack of important data

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- 2. Better understanding of how water is being used? How would future studies be used?
- » Issue statement #2 – Quality and Quantity
  - Implement existing programs and look beyond MN for practices
  - New technologies – reuse/recycle will be on the cutting edge of groundwater
  - Arsenic, nitrate, PFAS, pathogens, etc.; What are we learning?
  - Need more information – MDH will be drafting GRAPS soon.