



## MINUTES June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2001

### ATTENDEES

Alison Fong, Mpls Environmental Mgmt.  
Alyssa Hawkins, Friends of the Miss. River  
Barb Liukkonen, UM Water Res. Center  
Christopher Feider, Eco Education  
Debbie Meister, Ramsey – Wash Metro WD  
Jane Dusek, Capitol Region WSD  
Janell Miersch, Rice Creek WS District  
Jay Michels, MPCA  
Jerry Spetzman, Dept. of Ag.  
Jim Heintzman, Science Museum of MN  
John Shepard, CGEE  
Katie Galloway, Friends of the Miss. River

Lisa Gilliland, Anoka Co. Parks – Wargo  
Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRA  
Margie Vigoren, City of Plymouth  
Maria Olson, Great River Greening  
Mary Gullickson, Volunteer Stream Monitor.  
Michele Hanson, MN DNR  
Pam Davis, St. Croix River Basin  
Pamela Jessup, Hamline -- CGEE  
Pauline Langsdorf, Met Council  
Ron Struss, MN Extension Service/BWSR  
Tim Reese, HCD  
Tracy Fredin, Hamline – CGEE

### **PARTNER UPDATES:**

**JULY'S WATERSHED PARTNERS MEETING IS CANCELLED. NEXT WSP MEETING IS AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> AT THE DEPT. OF AGR.**

Jerry Spetzman, Dept. of Agr.

- Currently, the Watershed Partners has available an outstanding set of exhibits (The WaterShed) illustrating how homeowners can affect, positively or negatively, the watershed in which they live. While the WaterShed does a great job of addressing issues in the Twin Cities it is not ideally suited for display outside the metro area. While the focus of WaterShed Partners efforts is, and rightly should be, the metro area, many partners have statewide responsibilities.

The statewide task force is primarily made up of those of us with statewide responsibilities who would benefit from using the WaterShed outside the metro. We are exploring the possibility of modifying portions of the exhibit so that it can be used outside the metro area. It appears that a focus on shoreline issues may be appropriate. At the planned meetings we will be finalizing the message and the focus, making a rough design of what would need to be changed, getting quotes from the Science Museum on what it would cost to produce, and then identifying possible funding sources. It is likely that the modified exhibit will be stored at Hamline and will be available for check out.

Anyone with an interest in expanding the use of the WaterShed outside the metro area is welcome to join us. If this interests you, please join us at one or all three of the planning meetings.

**The next 3 meetings for the State-Wide Task Force will be as follows:**

- 9 a.m. on July 5th
- 9 a.m. on July 18th

3 p.m on July 30th.

The Meetings will focus on shore-land homeowners. All Meetings will be held at the MN Dept. of Agr.

Pamela Jessup, CGEE

- Solstice River Dance will be performed on June 21 and 22 at 8:30 p.m. at the Stone Arch Bridge in Minneapolis. Volunteers are needed to run the WaterShed Exhibit, hand out programs, set up radios, and tie up balloons. If you are interested in Volunteering please call Kate Mohn at 651-523-4263.

Jane Dusek, Capitol Region Watershed District

- The Capitol Region Watershed District's Watershed Management Plan has been re-printed, and is now available in both print and CD-ROM versions. Please call 651-488-1476, x14 if you would like a copy.
- The Capitols Region W.D.'s Como Lake Strategic Plan Report will be released on July 1, 2001. They are looking for public agency input and comment. Please call 651-488-1476, x14 if you would like to receive a copy of the Report and to comment on it.

Jay Michels, MN Erosion Control Association

- The Minnesota Erosion Control Association invites you to attend the Demonstrating Temporary Erosion Control Systems in a Testing Environment seminar on Friday, June 22nd, 9:00- 3:30 pm at the Turtleback Country Club and American Excelsior Testing Facility in Rice Lake, WI. Continental breakfast and bag lunches will be provided. Space is limited for this seminar, so register now! FFI:contact Jay Michels at 651-351-0630, or [jmichels@skypoint.com](mailto:jmichels@skypoint.com)

Barb Liukkonen, U of MN Water Resources Center

- A new website for educational resources about lakes and rivers, with fact sheets, technical publications and contact information for all Minnesota counties can be found at: <http://www.shorelandmanagement.org> FFI: contact Barb at 612-625-9256 or [Liukk001@tc.umn.edu](mailto:Liukk001@tc.umn.edu) .

Alison Fong, Minneapolis Environmental Management

- On June 26, 2001, the Twin Cities Metro Area Watershed Network will be having the 2001 Legislative Overview at the League of MN Cities Office 145 University Ave. in West St. Paul. The meeting is from 9 a.m.-12 a.m. FFI or questions: contact Bill Anderson or Andy Gray through the city of Minneapolis at 612-673-5897.

Tim Reese, Hennepin Conservation District

- All River Monitors in the metro area will be at the River Summit at the Science Museum of Minnesota on November 15, 2001. FFI: contact Julia Frost at Volunteer Stream Monitoring Partnership at 612-624-7460.
- The Hennepin Conservation District received a Region 5 EPA grant to plot the Wetland Health Evaluation Project. This program was developed in Dakota County. Both Dakota and Hennepin Environmental Education. Programs will be partnering to expand this program for next year. FFI: contact Tim Reese at 763-420-2157 or [tim@hcd.hennepin.mn.us](mailto:tim@hcd.hennepin.mn.us)

Ron Struss, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

- MNRUNOFF- a Minnesota Stormwater E-mail listserv has been set-up. To join, go to the MNRUNOFF information page at <http://lists.extension.umn.edu/mailman/listinfo/mnrunoff> and follow the subscription instructions. FFI: contact Ron Struss, [rstrss@umn.edu](mailto:rstrss@umn.edu) or 651-215-1950.

## **PROJECT NEMO**

Jay Michels

- PROJECT NEMO was approved by the Metropolitan Council for a \$93,000 grant. The goal is to have all presentations ready to go by September with implementation in the Pilot Project areas this fall and winter.

## **WATERSHED EXHIBIT**

Pamela Jessup

- The Watershed Exhibit just returned from the science museum after getting many repairs. A new check in and check out procedure for the van has been initiated. Please allow 15 minutes prior to picking up the exhibit and dropping off the exhibit to run through the checklist. A \$50 fee is now required to use the van. Also, before the van can be check out you must complete the van safety-training course at CGEE. Call Pamela 651-523-2591 to set up a time to view the training CD rom. There are still many open days this summer to reserve the WaterShed Exhibit.

## **STATE FAIR**

Pamela Jessup

- It's not too early to sign up for the fair! The WaterShed exhibit will be displayed in the Department of Natural Resources Building during the MN State Fair (Aug. 23-Sept.3). Partners are expected to sign up for at least 1 shift, and 2 if at all possible. Each day of the Fair is divided into three shifts: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., 1-5 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. The two daytime shifts are a priority – it would be ideal to have 2 people during each day shift and at least one person per evening shift. Feel free to invite your co-workers, friends, and family to participate. Shifts are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so put in your request now! The availability list is online at <http://cgee.hamline.edu/watershed/meetings/>. Volunteers will receive a packet in the mail a few weeks in advance of the fair. It will include a FREE fair ticket, nametags, maps, and other information. Please e-mail Pamela Jessup at [pajessup@gw.hamline.edu](mailto:pajessup@gw.hamline.edu) or call 651-523-2591 to sign up!

## **WATERSHED EXHIBIT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

John Shepard

- John displayed on his laptop the new designs that are being put together. There are 3 New Modules that are being worked on right now. They are “The Water Cycle”, “Find Your WaterShed”, “Streets to Streams” New feature options are: one program with single and multiple module format, administrative control screen for easy setup, and program tracks number of uses and user actions. The plan is to have all modules ready in time for the state fair.

## **NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS UPDATE**

Michelle Hanson, Margie Vigoren

- Much was learned about programs in other areas of the country at the conference. A few things learned was that we, as Partners, should not think we know what people need or want to learn, we should ask them (do market research). Another good tip was to stay in touch with everyone including your adversaries/nay sayers, because those are the people who can throw bumps in the road of your project if you don't keep open communications. An interesting program in Nevada included Youth Advisory Council, which was made up of students nominated by their schools to represent them in addressing a non-point source/water quality problem in their community. The Youth Council offers their advise to decision makers and then takes back their knowledge and experiences to share with their classmates. A project in Bellingham,WA, created a collaborative effort in nonpoint source education similar to WSP, but they also included a survey to determine behavioral change that could be attributed to the project.

## **MCKNIGHT GRANT PROPOSAL UPDATE**

Tracy Fredin

- The Grant proposal was submitted to McKnight on June 1. The Proposal is for \$400,000 over a 2-year period. It would be awarded in August and dispersed in January 2002. The next step is getting the together with McKnight to do a site-visit with us.

## **NOTES:**

- **Next Steering Committee meeting: Monday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2 p.m.** at the Center for Global Environmental Education (CGEE), Hamline University- **1467 Hewitt Ave.** The Steering Committee meets regularly on the 4th Monday of each month, 2-4pm, at Hamline. Meetings are open to all WaterShed Partners.
- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday August 8,** at the Dept. of Ag., St. Paul. Let a Steering Committee member know if you have an agenda item for the meeting. The WaterShed Partners meet regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 9-11am.

## **2001 STEERING COMMITTEE:**

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