



## MINUTES September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2001

### ATTENDEES

Alyssa Hawkins, Friends of the Miss. River  
Anne Weber, St. Paul Public Works  
Cliff Aichinger, RWMWD  
Jane Dusek, Capitol Region WSD  
Jay Michels, MPCA  
Jeff Ledermann, MN OEA  
Jerry Spetzman, Dept. of Ag.  
Jim Heintzman, Science Museum of MN

Katie Galloway, Friends of Miss. River  
Lisa Gilliland, Anoka Co. Parks – Wargo  
Louise Watson, RWMWD  
Pam Davis, St. Croix River Basin  
Pamela Jessup, Hamline -- CGEE  
Ron Struss, MN Extension Service/BWSR  
Tim Reese, HCD  
Tracy Fredin, Hamline – CGEE

### **PARTNER UPDATES:**

#### **JAY MICHELS**

The Minnesota Erosion Control Association invites you to attend Low Impact Development: A Tour of Twin Cities Sites, on Wednesday Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2001 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Continental breakfast, box lunch and refreshments provided. Shoreview community Center 4580 North Victoria, Shoreview 651-490-4700. Please register, as space is limited \$75. For more information please contact Jay Michels at 651-351-0630.

#### **PAM DAVIS**

The St. Croix River Basin will be closing as of Sept. 30th. Pam will be moving her office into her home. Her new contact information is: Pam Davis, St. Croix Basin Coordinator, 2781 Noel Drive, Little Canada, MN 55117, Phone: 651-766-8419, email: [davi0395@tc.umn.edu](mailto:davi0395@tc.umn.edu) Pam will be continuing her position as coordinator for the St. Croix Basin Water Resources Planning Team until the end of 2001. With limited hours in 2002, she will be working the beginning of the year to coordinate the St. Croix Basin 3rd Annual Nutrient and Sediment Conference scheduled for February 21, 2002, at Trollhaugen Ski Resort in Dresser, Wisconsin.

The Minnesota Wisconsin Boundary Office, a key partner in the St. Croix Basin, is closing its office in Hudson, Wisconsin, on October 1, 2001. Funding transactions through the MWBAC will be continued until January 15, 2002. Wisconsin Governor Scott McCallum let stand a provision of the final Wisconsin Budget Bill that ends the 36-year interstate compact between Wisconsin and Minnesota.

#### **RON STRUSS**

Children's Water Festival is on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at the State Fairgrounds from 8:00-3:30. The Board of Water and Soil Resources are still looking for 5-8 more volunteers to guide the classrooms to their appropriate stations. Call Ron Struss if you would like to volunteer. 651-215-1950

## **JEFF LEDERMAN**

The Mn. Sustainable Communities Network is hold a Sustainable Communities Conference on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001 8:30a.m. to 3p.m. Exciting progress is being made statewide as communities work toward becoming more sustainable. This fifth annual conference of MnSCN seeks to bring together individuals interested in learning more about sustainability and in working toward a more sustainable future for their communities and for the state. Location: Minneapolis Convention Center 1301 Second Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55403 phone: 612-335-6000 for more information, please go online to <http://www.moea.state.mn.us/sc/conference2001.cfm> or call Philipp Muessig at 651-215-0204.

\* Wanted: Million-Dollar Advice: The Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR) is seeking public advice on how to spend \$50 million to protect Minnesota's natural resources. Replies to a survey at <http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/lcmr/> (click on citizen survey) will help shape future spending priorities for Minnesota's Environmental Trust Fund, which receives 40 percent of net proceeds from the state lottery. Don't miss this opportunity to give your advice. For more information, call the LCMR office at 651-296-2406.

## **TRACY FREDIN**

Mississippi River Basin Alliance will be holding a Conference at Hamline University on Oct. 13th, 2001. "Healthy Rivers, Healthy Communities" will offer a full day of workshops, presentations, and networking opportunities. Contact MRBA at 612-334-9760 or [mrbaoffice@mrba.org](mailto:mrbaoffice@mrba.org) for more information.

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **PROJECT NEMO (Jay Michels)**

There was a NEMO meeting held on September 10, 2001 to unveil the presentation. The presentation is set to go. Rice Creek WaterShed District and St. Croix Basin are not able to be involved as much as before, due to their circumstances. The next meeting is going to be rescheduled.

### **VOLUNTEER STREAM MONITORING (Tim Reese)**

- Julia Frost has left her position as Outreach Coordinator at Volunteer Stream Monitoring Partnership. The job opening is being posted presently. It will be filled in mid-November.
- Presently the VSP is re-writing their work plan for grant from the Metropolitan Council. The work plan includes more training particularly in Carver County including Biological monitoring. Mary Gullickson is doing the trainings.
- The First Annual River Summit on November 15, 2001 at the Science Museum of MN. It is an opportunity to share what you have learned while monitoring macro-invertebrate communities, and taking transparency measurements. You'll be able to connect with a network of others concerned about our rivers. Volunteers and Professionals from around the Twin Cities metro region will be gathering at the SMM, sponsored by the Volunteer Stream Monitoring Partnership. 8:30-2:00. For more information call the Volunteer Stream Monitoring Partnership at 612-624-9282.

### **WATERSHED EXHIBIT UPDATE (Pamela Jessup)**

- STATE FAIR REPORT: This year was very successful. We increased the attendance over last year to 85,000 people approximately. Thanks to all of the Partners who volunteered and returned surveys. Only 4 shifts were unfilled (same as last year). Out of 47 organizations, 25 were represented by volunteers at the WaterShed Exhibit. Table 1 2as the most visited portion of the exhibit, with Table

4 coming in a close second. Pamela will be posting the final evaluation of the fair on the WaterShed Partners website.

- **VAN USE AND MAINTENANCE REPORT:** The WS van is still being used frequently. A reminder that if you would like to use the van you need to take the van driving CD Rom training offered at Hamline University's security office. The number to set up an appt. is 651-523-2100. Training takes approximately an hour and a half. There is also a \$50 fee to use the van. This fee is to cover maintenance of the van and repairs. We will be bringing in the van for it's first maintenance check in October. So far the van has been running great, and it's a wonderful asset to the WSP, making the check-out/check-in of the exhibit much more convenient.

### **STATEWIDE WATERSHED EXHIBIT TASK FORCE UPDATE (Jerry Spetzman)**

The task force is still working on options to modify the existing exhibit. The initial quote from the SMM to design and build new table inserts is \$33,000. The focus now is to raise funds, and find funders.

### **WATERSHED EDUCATION CONFERENCE DISCUSSION (Ron Struss)**

In December 1999 it was originally discussed to begin a conference in the Twin Cities for WaterShed education. We would like to return to the issue, and see if there is still interest out there for holding a WaterShed Education Conference here. Some questions discussed were: should the conference take place every year? With who should the conference be held with? Should we try to hold a conference in conjunction with the Chicago WaterShed Conference held every other year? Or add an educational component to the already existing 2004 Soil and Water Society Conference? It was decided that Ron would contact Dan McGuinness, and the leader of the WaterShed conference in Chicago.

### **MINNESOTA SEA GRANT OUTREACH PROJECTS (Barb Peichel)**

Mn. Sea Grant is an organization that educates about water resources. Because of Lake Superior, Mn. qualifies State-wide for the Sea Grant. They mainly focus on Shoreland. Barb had a number of publications to talk about and distribute. Water Gardening brochure, Lake Access brochures, community based monitoring, etc. and other publications that were not from Mn. Sea Grant. For more information, contact Barb Peichel - MN Sea Grant 173 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108 [bpeichel@d.umn.edu](mailto:bpeichel@d.umn.edu), 612-624-7456.

### **MEP GRANTS (Cliff Aichinger)**

- **METRO MEDIA CAMPAIGN (Ron Struss):** The idea of forming a Metro Media Campaign was first brought up in Dec. 1999. On October 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Dept. of Agriculture there will be a meeting to discuss again forming a Metro Media Campaign. There will be a review of the last campaign, and see what people are doing currently. The purpose of the meeting will be to answer the questions: "Is the Metro Media Campaign a good idea? Should we try to collaborate? Should we apply for a grant? Which grant? Who should spearhead this effort?" etc. Metropolitan Council is meeting internally to discuss if this is a good idea.
- **RIVER INSTITUTE (Tracy Fredin):** Hamline University and the WaterShed Partners are exploring the idea of submitting an MEP grant proposal. It will be discussed further at the next meeting when we preview the K-12 education efforts.
- **NEMO (Jay Michels):** Jay will be submitting a grant proposal to MEP as a program of the WaterShed Partners.

**PREVIEW OF DISCUSSION AT OCT. MEETING: How are partners currently involved with k-12 education? Is doing more in k-12 part of Metro WSP mission? (Tracy Fredin)**

For the next meeting we would like the Partners to identify what they are currently doing in the K-12 system and how the WSP would like to work on building on existing programs. Please come prepared to share your organizations efforts with the K-12 system. We will spend some time going around the table talking about the various programs the Partners are currently working on.

**NOTES:**

- **Next Steering Committee meeting: Monday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2pm**, at the Center for Global Environmental Education (CGEE), Hamline University. 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, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 9a.m.**, 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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