



# MINUTES

## November 13, 2002

### **ATTENDEES**

Alyssa Hawkins, Earth Force GREEN  
April Rust, MN DNR – Project WET  
Cliff Aichinger, Ramsey-Washington MWD  
Daniel Huff, Dakota Co. EE Program  
Irene Jones, Friends of the Miss. River  
Jerry Spetzman, Dept. of Agriculture  
Jim Heintzman, Science Museum of MN  
Joan Lawless, Blue Water Association  
John Bilotta, Extension Service – Carver Co.  
Jon Steadland, Mpls. Watershed Mgmt Organizat.

Julie Westerlund, MN DNR  
Lisa Gilliland, Anoka Co. Parks – Wargo  
Louise Watson, RWMWD  
Lynne Hanson, City of Bloomington  
Matt Mega, 1,000 Friends of Minnesota  
Michele Hanson, MN DNR – Watershed Protection  
Pamela Jessup, Hamline -- CGEE  
Randy Thoreson, National Park Service – RTCA  
Ron Struss, MN Extension Service/BWSR  
Sarah Riddle, Eco Education  
Tracy Fredin, Hamline – CGEE

### **PARTNER UPDATES:**

#### **IRENE JONES**

The Friends of the Mississippi River and the Minnesotans for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ME3) are holding their fifth annual Holiday Open House from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday December 12, 2002 at their office (46 East Fourth Street, Suite 606, St. Paul). FFI: 651-222-2193 or [ijones@fmr.org](mailto:ijones@fmr.org)

#### **RANDY THORESON**

The Minnesota State Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) advisory committee has met over the last 9 months (multi-interests represented). A new/revised SCORP has been developed, with the MN DNR as the lead agency. Look for final document to be posted on MNDNR website. Tie-In with the Minnesota State Water Plan? Yes, environmental protection topics tied in with outdoor recreation issues/uses/funding/future. Related to many WSP activities and missions. FFI: 651-290-3004 or [randy\\_thoreson@nps.gov](mailto:randy_thoreson@nps.gov)

#### **ALYSSA HAWKINS**

Alyssa Hawkins, formally of Friends of the Mississippi River, is now the newest employee at Earth Force GREEN. Her new contact info is 612-823-0396 and [ahawkins@earthforce.org](mailto:ahawkins@earthforce.org). Congratulations Alyssa!

#### **MECA WORKSHOP**

The Minnesota Erosion Control Association invites you to attend *Porous Pavement Surfacing Systems* Workshop held on Friday November 22, 2002 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Continental breakfast & box lunch provided at the Shoreview Community Center. \$75 registration fee covers all costs for this seminar. FFI call Jay Michels at 651-351-0630.

#### **APRIL RUST**

Project WET Educator Workshop. River Bend Nature Center in Faribault, MN Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002 8:00-4:00 p.m. Credit hours are available for all participants through Hamline University at reduced rate of \$150. The cost of this workshop is \$25 (fee includes Educator guide, supporting teacher resources, and lunch. FFI: April Rust 651-297-4951 or [april.rust@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:april.rust@dnr.state.mn.us) .

## **METRO WATERSHED PARTNERS PROJECT UPDATE**

### **METRO THINK CLEAN WATER CAMPAIGN – Ron Struss**

The Metropolitan Council awarded the WSP \$50,000 for the *Think Clean Water Campaign*. We had originally applied for a \$160,000 grant. Ron is currently working with OEA for an additional \$75,000 grant from them. The *Green Up Your Lawns – Not Your Lakes and Rivers* brochure has gotten wide spread interest from organizations in other states.

### **TV WEATHER / WATERSHED WEBSITE – Ron Struss**

Region 5 Environmental Protection Agency in Chicago is interested in helping put together the T.V. Weather/Watershed Website. There will be a meeting between WCCO/KARE, Freshwater Society, and EPA Region 5 to discuss this further.

### **VOLUNTEER STREAM MONITORING PARTNERSHIP**

The VSMP matrix is now complete. The matrices are designed to help you decide what you want to monitor and what data to collect. It serves as a curriculum guide. Contact Kevin Proescholdt or Mary Gullickson to obtain copies.

### **STEERING COMMITTEE ADDITIONS FOR 2003 – Tracy Fredin**

We are still looking for volunteers to serve on the WSP steering committee for 2003. Specifically, we're hoping to have someone who is closely connected to K-12. The steering committee is an approximately 6 hour per month time commitment. Contact Ron Struss or any of the current steering committee members if you are interested. Steering Committee meetings take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at the office of the Center for Global Environmental Education – Hamline University.

### **PHASE II PROGRAM EDUCATION GUIDE – Tracy Fredin/Ron Struss**

200 cities in Minnesota have to get stormwater permits by March of 2003. The League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) contracted with Bonestroo to put together a guide plan book. Bonestroo subcontracted with CGEE who is asking the WSP for help. Ron Struss put together the entire chapter 5 (65 pages so far!) on education and WSP. 109 out of 200 cities paid to be part of the guide plan recipients. The cities who did not can now pay extra and still be included, or they can be on their own. Bonestroo and LMC held meetings everyday from Nov. 4-9<sup>th</sup> with city representatives to unveil the new guide plan. Tracy Fredin and Ron were there to introduce the education concept. Hopefully in one year the WSP can host workshops for city officials regarding storm water and non-point source pollution.

### **DECEMBER MEETING – REVIEW AGENDA**

The December 11<sup>th</sup> WSP meeting will be a “state of the organization” type of meeting. We will look at past goals and future visions. Julie Westerlund will help facilitate this meeting.

Some issues that will be of focus:

- partnership versus a business model
- the status of the Metro WaterShed Education Network
- grant status (how much, when they are depleted, etc.
- should the WSP be an “incubator” for projects to get support, get off the ground, and then be sent out on their own. How much of a link should remain to the partners, and how strong should that link be.
- Money for exhibit repair and upkeep, administrative time, website, emails, etc.
- Are commitments for the Partners primarily metropolitan based? Or state wide? Nation wide?

The next meeting will be from 9-noon. We will also have a social hour, so bring holiday munchies.

**VISUALIZING COMMUNITY BUILD OUT: 1,000 FRIENDS OF MN, -- Matt Mega**

The 1,000 Friends of Mn, funded by grants from OEA, is based out of St. Paul and has 4 people on staff. This is the fifth year they have been in existence. They focus on providing technical assistance for future envisioning of open space to local cities under 10,000 people. Their project currently is being down with Eureka Township, which is South of Lakeville. Eureka Township does not have a planning staff or any money for staff, so 1,000 Friends working with them through a grant received from Metropolitan Council, showing them what the town will physically look like in 10 years, 30 years, etc. based on how much growth they are expecting. Talk of cluster developments, and other types of zoning to show the possible new look. Originally the plan was to help Eureka for 6 months, but they have been with them for a year and a half.

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**NOTES:**

- **Next Steering Committee meeting: Monday, November 25, 2 p.m.**, at the Center for Global Environmental Education (CGEE), Hamline University. The Steering Committee meets regularly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month, 2-4 p.m., at CGEE (1467 Hewitt Ave). Meetings are open to all WaterShed Partners.
- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 9 a.m.- NOON**, at the Dept. of Agriculture, St. Paul. Let a Steering Committee member know if you have an agenda item for the meeting. The WaterShed Partners meet regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 9-11 a.m.

**2002 STEERING COMMITTEE:**

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Jerry Spetzman, 651-297-7269  
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Michele Hanson, 651-766-4192  
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