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June 12, 2002

ATTENDEES

Alison Fong, Mpls Environmental Mgmt.
Alyssa Hawkins, Friends of the Miss. River
Anne Weber, St. Paul Public Works
April Rust, MN DNR – Project WET
Cliff Aichinger, RWMWD
Irene Jones, Friends of the Miss. River
Jane Dusek, Capitol Region WSD
Jay Michels, MN Erosion Control Association
Jerry Spetzman, Dept. of Agriculture
Jim Heintzman, Science Museum of MN
Joan Ellis, Minnehaha Creek WSD

Julie Westerlund, MN DNR
Linda Henning, Metropolitan Council ES
Louise Watson, RWMWD
Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRA
Margie Vigoren, City of Plymouth
Michele Hanson, MN DNR – Watershed Protection
Pamela Jessup, Hamline -- CGEE
Rich Cairn, Cairn and Associates
Sage Passi, RWMWD
Sarah Riddle, Eco-Education
Tracy Fredin, Hamline – CGEE

PARTNER UPDATES:

ALYSSA HAWKINS

The fifth annual Mississippi River Canoe Adventure Registration has begun! The trip will be held on Saturday, July 27, from 8 AM to 2 PM. For registration, call (651) 222-2193 or visit www.fmr.org.

ALISON FONG

3 jobs will be posted soon on the City of Minneapolis web site (www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us). They are:

- 1) clerk/typist
- 2) project coordinator
- 3) project manager

LYNDON TORSTENSON

Environmental Education at the Mississippi National River & Recreation Area will be the topic of a “brown bag lunch” presentation at the Office of Environmental Assistance (OEA), St. Paul, on Wed., June 19th, from noon to 1:00. Lyndon Torstenson and Stan Zobel from MNRRA are the presenters.

JANE DUSEK

Applications are still being accepted for the CRWD Stewardship Grant programs. Details and application materials are on our website at www.ramseyconservation.com (Select the CRWD link to our home page, & then the link to the Stewardship Grant Page. Call Jane at (651) 488-1476, extension 14, for more information, or email her at jane.dusek@co.ramsey.mn.us).

METRO WATERSHED PARTNERS UPDATE

AWARDS PRESENTATION ON PHOSPHOROUS LEGISLATION

Mayor Woody Love, Senator Linda Higgins and Representative Peggy Leppik accepted the recognition plaque from the Metro Watershed Partners for their hard work and dedication to the phosphorous fertilizer legislation that just passed.

METRO THINK CLEAN WATER CAMPAIGN – Cliff Aichinger

There has been a delay in funding from the Metropolitan Council. The grant is just fine, it's just a matter of time until the money is received. The total project amount is \$228,000. The Grant request is for \$166,000, and goes through 2003. Options for post 2003 funding need to be explored.

TV WEATHER / WATERSHED WEBSITE – Cliff Aichinger

Ron Struss wrote a letter to the major networks (WCCO, KARE 11, and KSTP) meteorologists on behalf of the WSP encouraging them to attend the Conference on Broadcast Meteorology June 24-28th in Williamsburg, VA, and specifically the "Eyes on the Environment" session being offered. "Eyes on the Environment" explores the role television weather broadcasting can play in watershed education. An example of a television weather/watershed education partnership is "The Watershed Project: Where the Atmosphere Meets Earth" by NBC4 in Washington, D.C. (<http://www.watershed.interadditive-environment.com/main/>) It is a joint effort of NBC4, EPA, and the Chesapeake Bay Program. The Watershed Project increases the public understanding of water resource issues through on-air segments and a specialized section to their weather website. They are also invited to contact the WSP to explore the potential of providing watershed education on their networks' weather.

MWSP IS SPONSORING A "TIP-BOX" IN UPCOMING BLUE SKY GUIDE - Cliff Aichinger

On page 22 of the upcoming *Blue Sky Guide*, the WSP were able to get a message in the Lawn Care Tips section for free. There were 15,000 distributed in the Metro Area.

PROJECT NEMO – Jay Michels

The 5 target areas are wrapping up. Scott County is the final area to hit. Efforts with McKnight Grant are for Chisago County, North Field, and the Cannon River WaterShed. They are now setting up in western Wisconsin. Lino Lakes is most excited about the project and started making changes in their area immediately. There has been quite a bit of support from the engineering firms.

VOLUNTEER STREAM MONITORING PARTNERSHIP – Kevin Proesholdt

The chemistry training is done. The steering committee is working on a plan for next year. LCMR held a hearing June 5th on the citizen water-monitoring proposal that VSMP is a part of. The hearing went reasonably well, and 11 of the 20 legislators on LCMR voted to hear our proposal (an indication of good support), but LCMR won't make any decisions on any of the proposals until later in the summer.

UPDATE ON WATERSHED EXHIBIT AT THE STATE FAIR – Pamela Jessup

The Mn. State Fair is from August 22nd to September 2nd this year. Towards mid-July Pamela will email a sign-up sheet to everyone for the 72 shifts that need to be filled by volunteers. Sign-ups will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. Set up for the fair will be done by CGEE staff two days prior to the opening day of the fair. There will also be 2 training sessions this year. The first will be held on Tues. Aug. 20th, and the second will be held on Wed. Aug. 21st. Times of the training sessions will be announced also in July.

DISCUSSION: WHAT CAN MWSP OFFER PHASE II CITIES? – Tracy Fredin

130 Minnesota cities will need to obtain stormwater permits (NPDES -- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) by March 10th 2003. In Phase II, the Minnesota Pollution Control Association staff will issue permits for urban areas and small construction sites. The permits require plans and practices that control polluted stormwater runoff. The Phase II cities will need to implement stormwater management plans that include the following: construction site runoff control, post-construction stormwater management, illicit discharge detection and elimination, public outreach and education, public involvement and

participation, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping (sufficient street sweeping, for example). Cities have until the end of the first permit term, five years, to fully implement their stormwater management programs. The Metro WaterShed Partners would like to develop a “catalog” or a sort of “central clearing house” of programs that cities can use. This catalog would give program information, contacts, and costs. Right now there is a WaterShed Resources book online at <http://www.cgee.hamline.edu/watershed/Resources/index.htm> click on the links to view them.



[What the Partners Have to Offer Teachers in the Twin Cities](#)



[A Guide to the Programs and Partnerships of Each Partner](#)

This may be a good starting point for putting together a resource book the cities can use.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO JULY WATERSHED PARTNERS MEETING

NOTES:

- **Next Steering Committee meeting: Monday, June 24th, 2 p.m.**, at the Center for Global Environmental Education (CGEE), Hamline University. The Steering Committee meets regularly on the 4th Monday of each month, 2-4 p.m., at CGEE. Meetings are open to all WaterShed Partners.
- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 14th, 9 a.m.**, 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 2nd Wednesday of each month, 9-11 a.m.

2002 STEERING COMMITTEE:

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