



# MINUTES

## February 12, 2003

### **ATTENDEES**

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| Alison Fong, Mpls Environmental Mgmt.         | Kevin Proescholdt, VSMP                       |
| Ami Thompson, MN DNR                          | Linda Henning, Metropolitan Council ES        |
| Anne Weber, St. Paul Public Works             | Louise Watson, RWMWD                          |
| Beth Storey, Friends of the Mississippi River | Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRA                      |
| Bruce Wilson, University of MN                | Michele Hanson, MN DNR – Watershed Protection |
| Cliff Aichinger, RWMWD                        | Pamela Jessup, Hamline – CGEE                 |
| Daniel Huff, Dakota Co. EE Program            | Paul Nordell, MN DNR Adopt-A-River            |
| Dana Raines, Tamarack Nature Center           | Randy Thoreson, NPS – RTCA                    |
| Don Berger, MPCA                              | Rich Cairn, Cairn and Associates              |
| Irene Jones, Friends of the Miss. River       | Ron Struss, MN Extension Service/BWSR         |
| Jay Michels, MN Erosion Control Association   | Sage Passi, RWMWD                             |
| Jenny Schaust, Hennepin Conservation District | Sarah Riddle, Eco Education                   |
| Jerry Spetzman, Dept. of Agriculture          | Teri Heyer, US Forest Service                 |
| Jon Steadland, Mpls. Watershed Mgmt Organiz.  | Tracy Fredin, Hamline – CGEE                  |

### **PARTNER UPDATES:**

#### **CLIFF AICHINGER**

The Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District is receiving a “Clean Water Partner” award from the U. S. EPA on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Metro Council and several others from MN are also receiving recognition. EPA Honors Clean Water Partners For The 21ST Century Recognizing the critical role that local governments play in protecting our nation's waters. As part of the celebration of the Year of Clean Water, EPA's Office of Water is recognizing extraordinary actions taken by local governments to protect watersheds over and above the requirements of the Clean Water Act. FFI please visit the website at <http://www.cleanwaterpartners.org>

#### **JAY MICHAELS**

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Conference will be held March 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree Park Place Hotel, 1500 Park Place Blvd, Minneapolis. FFI contact Jay Michaels at (651) 351-0630 or [jmichaels@skypoint.com](mailto:jmichaels@skypoint.com)

#### **RON STRUSS**

The University of Minnesota Extension Service will be holding shoreland education workshops in communities across the state from March through July. A Shoreland Revegetation workshop is being held in St. Paul on February 22 and March 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 8:30 to 4:00 at the Ramsey County Extension office. Persons interested in should contact Ron at (651) 215-1950. A Shoreland Volunteer Workshop will be held March 1<sup>st</sup> in West St. Paul. Please Contact Daniel Huff FFI 651-480-7734.

## **RICH CAIRN**

Join the WaterShed Partners in hosting a site visit from educators from across the U.S. at the National Service-Learning Conference. They will join us at the North Mississippi Regional Park, April 25, 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Bring a small display if you have one. Participate in a discussion on how to build and strengthen service-learning partnerships. RSVP to Rich Cairn [rcairn@ties.k12.mn.us](mailto:rcairn@ties.k12.mn.us) (612) 722-5806

## **JERRY SPETZMAN**

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Protecting the St. Croix workshop will be held on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Trollhaugen Convention Center in Dresser, Wisconsin. FFI contact John Haack at (715) 635-7406 or [john.hack@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:john.hack@ces.uwex.edu).

## **METRO WATERSHED PARTNERS UPDATE:**

### **PROJECT NEMO -- Jay Michels**

NEMO (non-point education for municipal officials) was started 2 years ago by initial funding from the Metropolitan Council, and the McKnight Foundation. Jay is still very busy doing presentations every week for various city councils in the twin cities. He is currently working on Anoka County and North Minneapolis, and helping others develop ordinances. Last month Jay hired a new administrative assistant (Mike) to help him in the office.

### **COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN/PHASE II – Ron Struss**

The Metropolitan Council gave \$50k, OEA gave \$40k and the PCA gave \$20k towards the communications campaign. That's \$110k total, the original amount requested was \$175k. At this point we need to find out how much money are cities willing to pay per person for the education outreach? Currently there is a web-based catalog being developed for the NPDES Phase II cities that will show services offered, prices, and contact information. After today's meeting all are welcome at the Phase II meeting taking place until 1:00.

### **McKNIGHT FUNDING – Tracy Fredin**

After speaking with Shelley Shreffler, we now know we need to answer some questions: how can the metro WSP become self sufficient financially? What is truly a WSP project? What are our core components? The letter of intent is due April 15<sup>th</sup>, and the actual grant proposal is due the second week of June. Grantees are receiving 85-90% less than what they are actually requesting. The steering committee will begin to tackle this at the next steering committee meeting. Anyone is welcome to come, and the meeting will begin at 1:00 on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at Hamline University, CGEE office.

### **K-12 Education Committee – Jerry Spetzman**

One year ago there was a K-12 education committee that was being chaired by Peggy Knapp from CGEE. The committee fizzled out, along with the funds for it. Do we want to try to rekindle this committee? Upon a show of hands, it was noted that nearly everyone is somehow linked to teachers and kids in K-12. We will try to incorporate right into the WSP monthly meetings more about K-12, and possibly get more speakers in who are revolved around K-12.

## **NEW MEMBER WELCOME SHEET – Pamela Jessup**

The steering committee developed a new member welcome sheet for new WSP. It is a two page summary of what the WSP are, as well as projects, and web-site information. This sheet can also be found on line at <http://cgee.hamline.edu/watershed/meetings>

### **Presentation 1: Rich Cairn, Natural Resource Initiative**

The Natural Resources Inventory and Assessment (NRI&A) is being developed by the Dept. of Natural Resources, the Met Council, and other partners, with local detail to be added by local agencies. The NRI&A Secondary Education Program Plan seeks to develop a sustainable initiative engaging Metro area schools in using and contributing to the NRI&A as a means to give students and their communities a balanced, science-based education about the functions and value of native habitat, and to offer students and communities feasible strategies to participate in the protection and restoration of significant biological communities.

The Met Council approved \$100,000 for 2003 to launch an educational program. Work awaits final approval of contracts. Components of the 2003 grant are:

- Fiscal agent and project management by the Volunteer Stream Monitoring Partnership. Mary Gullickson and Kevin Proschoeldt
- Training and implementation of five pilot school terrestrial monitoring programs using GLOBE protocols. CentrUM, Rusty Lowe
- Develop interpretation of NRI&A for K-12. Rich and Susan Cairn.
- Develop brief interactive multi-media component for K-12. CGEE, Tracy Fredin.
- Guide creation of long-term (3-5 and 10-15-year) plan. Rich and Susan Cairn.

### **Presentation 2: Bruce Wilson, Urban Water Quality Research Center**

Bruce is an associate professor at the UM St. Paul Campus. He is envisioning an Urban Water Quality Research Center in the Rosemount Area at the UMore Center that would show real life stormwater run-off scenarios. These miniature to scale models of urban areas would show how stormwater runs off the land, and how to develop the best management practices for stormwater runoff solutions.

## **NOTES:**

- **Next Steering Committee meeting: Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 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. Meetings are open to all WaterShed Partners.
- **Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 11 a.m.**, at the Department 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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