



MINUTES

February 11, 2004

ATTENDEES

Anne Weber, St. Paul Public Works
April Rust, MN DNR – Project WET
Barb Luikkonen, UM Water Resource Ctr.
Dawn Dubats, Rice Creek WS District
Don Berger, MPCA
Jeff Ledermann, MN Office of Env. Assistance
Jerry Spetzman, Dept. of Agriculture
Jim Heintzman, Science Museum of MN
John Bilotta, Extension Service – Carver Co.
Linda Henning, Metropolitan Council ES

Louise Watson, RWMWD
Michele Hanson, MN DNR – Watershed Protection
Pamela Jessup, Hamline – CGEE
Roger Ranthum, MPCA
Ron Struss, MN Extension Service/BWSR
Sage Passi, RWMWD
Sarah Riddle, Eco Education
Sharon Doucette, City of Woodbury
Teri Heyer, USDA
Tracy Fredin, Hamline – CGEE

PARTNER UPDATES:

JIM HEINTZMAN – Science Museum of Minnesota

The WaterShed Partners will be meeting at the Science Museum of Minnesota (SMM) for the July 2004 meeting. The presentation portion of the meeting will be a tour of the SMM's new outdoor exhibits featuring watersheds, Minnesota geology, and energy conservation.

JOHN BILOTTA – Caver County UM Extension Program

1. The Stormwater Information Workshop for all Carver County contractors, private engineers, consultants, and city staff will be held 2/12/04. Sixty-nine people are pre registered.
2. Production on a construction site erosion and sediment control BMP publication for small sites (1-5 acre) is underway. Drafts will be available soon.
3. The Metro Children's Water Festival Planning Meeting will be held 2/19/04 at MN River Wildlife Refuge in Bloomington.
4. John is doing 3-4 Project WET curriculum deliveries to both students and teachers in the next month.

JEFF LEDERMANN - OEA

The 2004 MPCA Air, Water and Waste Conference (MAWW) – Environmental Solutions for Minnesota, is coming up. Conference Dates are 2/25-26/04, at the Radisson South, Bloomington, MN.

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/training/mawwconference/index.html>

DON BERGER - MPCA

Requesting assistance with an Eagle Scott Member who would like to do restoration of a trout brook. Don would like other WSP to volunteer to help this boy with his project. Contact Don FFI 651-297-8494.

MARGIE VIGOREN – City of Plymouth

Plymouth is having their annual Environmental Fair on 2/23/04.

LOUISE WATSON – Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District

Ramsey-Washington Public Works Forum hosted the MECA Erosion and Sedimentation Control Certification Workshop 2/6/04 and is planning a follow-up field course in early April. The 3/22/04 Forum meeting will be a working session on sediment and erosion control ordinance revision (or development). On 4/19/04 the Forum will be planning a unified strategy for working with the local media. May will very likely focus on coordinating grounds and parks seasonal staff BMP training. Street sweeping Best Management Practices may be revisited during the summer and the planning of the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination training series will be on the agenda. Anyone interested in seeing how our meetings go is welcome to sit in with us.

WaterFest 2004 is scheduled for 5/22/04 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm at the Pavilion in Lake Phalen Park. We are looking for two volunteers with kayaking and education experience to demo kayaking skills and give kids a chance to sit in a kayak (closely supervised) on the nearby stream flowing into Lake Phalen. Other exhibits are welcome; let me know if you are interested in exhibiting and allowing some students or a teacher to help staff your exhibit.

METRO WATERSHED PARTNERS UPDATES

VSMP – Barb Luikkonen

Volunteer Stream Monitoring Partnership is having a series of training for spring. See their website FFI <http://wrc.coafes.umn.edu/VSMP/>. They are still doing e. coli bacterial testing. Contact Barb to get on their monthly email newsletter list luukk001@tc.umn.edu. VSMP has funding through June 2005. They have 2,200 volunteers in the metro area.

NEMO

Jay Michels broke his ankle quite badly two weeks ago. He is still doing his NEMO presentations from a wheelchair! Get better soon Jay!!

STEERING COMMITTEE 2004

The WSP has approved new member Sharon Doucette to the Steering Committee for the 2004 year. Thanks to Sharon for volunteering!

PRESENTATION I: Stormwater Design Team – Gretchen Sabel, PCA

The goal of the MN Stormwater Design Team is to use the expertise from a wide range of stakeholders to design a long-term state effort to reduce or eliminate the adverse environmental effects of stormwater discharge to Minnesota's lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands, and groundwater. Visions: To ensure a high quality of life, Minnesotans manage stormwater in a way that conserves, enhances and restores high-quality water in our rivers, lakes, streams, wetlands and ground water. The Team started meeting in October 2003, they are wrapping up next week, and phasing into a new group with a few new different members called Minnesota Stormwater Steering Committee. The purpose of the new Steering Committee will be to draft strategies and some actions for a state-wide stormwater effort. The team further agreed that several priorities needed to be accomplished and products needed to be completed within the next five years. FFI please contact Gretchen Sabel at PCA.

PRESENTATION II: Metro Media Communications Spring Campaign – Ron Struss

Ron Struss and work team members will review creative ideas for Spring 2004 media campaign and share developments on StormCenter TV watershed / weather broadcast project. The spring campaign message will focus on zero phosphorous and keeping grass clippings off of the street. The website is still in the developmental phase. It can be viewed at <http://www.cleanwatermn.org/>.

Meetings are being held to introduce MS4s to the spring campaign and expose them to available stormwater education resources. The first was held 2/10/04, with 25 attending, 60% of which represented MS4s. Two more workshops will be held, on 2/13/04 and 2/18/04.

NOTES:

- **Next Steering Committee meeting: Monday, February 23, 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, March 10, 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.

2004 STEERING COMMITTEE:

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FFI: Contact a Steering Committee member or Pamela Jessup, 651-523-2591 / pajessup@hamline.edu