ATTENDEES
Anne Weber, St. Paul Public Works
Barb Liukkonen, Water Resources Center UM
Brenda Erickson, CGEE at Hamline
Brian Benasutti, Oldcastle Precast Co.
Cindy Hagley, Minnesota Sea Grant Program
Dawn Dubats, Rice Creek WD
Jean Buckley, City of Bloomington
Jen Collova, City of Farmington
Jerry Spetzman, MDA

John Bilotta, Carver County
Kathy Ahlers, Kunde Co.
Lyndon Torstenson, MNRRRA
Michele Hanson, MDNR
Paul Nordell, MDNR Adopt-a-River
Ron Struss, UM Extension
Sharon Doucette, City of Woodbury
Shawn Lettau, Adopt-a-River
Tracy Fredin, CGEE

PARTNER UPDATES

KARE-11 shot Vermillion River footage for an upcoming broadcast of *Minnesota Bound.*

Barb Liukkonen invited all to the Volunteer Stream Monitoring Project Summit on Friday, November 14. Belinda Jensen, KARE 11, is to MC the event, Mayor Rybak is to speak and the keynote will be Chad Pregracke of the Living Lands and Waters Project. Learning sessions are being held and high school student stream monitors are being recognized. VSMP annual report is out and available at: [http://wrc.coafes.umn.edu/VSMP/index.html](http://wrc.coafes.umn.edu/VSMP/index.html).

DNR Adopt-a-River update by Paul Nordell and Shawn Lettau. The Web site [http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/adoptriver/index.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/adoptriver/index.html) is getting high traffic. *Cleanup Review* newsletter online, by email and on paper. Tools for volunteers: how-to kits, bags and gloves. Always seeking more volunteers. Information is now being provided on dealing with meth lab refuse, a new challenge to the work.

MPCA is reorganizing to include a departmental focus on changing environmental attitudes and behavior. A new organization chart is available at: [http://www.pca.state.mn.us/about/changes/index.html](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/about/changes/index.html).

On November 15, Ron Struss moves to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to the UM Extension Regional Center in Farmington. His phone there is 651-480-7708. The state and metro BWSR offices are moving to second floor of the MPCA Building in February.

Jay Michaels of MECA and NEMO has taken a position with Emmons & Oliver Resources (EOR). He will be providing transitional support for MECA and NEMO.

UP-DATES ON JOINT METRO WATERSHED PARTNER PROJECTS

Alliance for Sustainability Citizen Watershed Network seeks to provide more networking opportunities for neighborhood organizations involved in watershed protection work. They have
applied for a grant with Mississippi WMO for a neighborhood watershed organizational conference in February. Metro WSP Steering Committee offered assistance with publicity, networking and presenters if the conference comes to pass.

For delivery in 2005, the “Green & Clean” brochure’s unconfirmed price is 25¢ each, $2 for the “green crayon” poster with a minimum order of 50. Brochure language is now national and the offer will be advertised across the country.

Stormwater training modules for city staff: Plans to create in-depth stormwater training for city staff have been set to a more realistic January 2006 target date. Meanwhile a basic stormwater PowerPoint will be made available to cities in 2005 via www.cleanwatermn.org, and road salt training for city and county staff is available via the CTAP program at the UM Center for Transportation Studies: http://www.mnltap.umn.edu/workshops/roadway-bridge/roadway-bridge10.html.

Minnesota Water – Let’s Keep it Clean: Metro WaterShed Partners won a 2004 MNGreat Award, on display at the CGEE conference room. The Web site http://cleanwatermn.org is looking better under the assistance of CGEE staff. The City of Minneapolis is seeking coordinated stormwater education outreach, so efforts are being made to pull them into the Minnesota Water – Let’s Keep it Clean program. So far, $18,500 in support from cities has been committed to continue the program.

KARE-11 StormCenter’s “Water is Life” program: Water quality stories are going on air often. KARE’s program is being used as a model for other affiliates across the nation. Story ideas for the KARE-11 program can be forwarded through Ron Struss, rstruss@umn.edu.

PRESENTATION
Cindy Hagley, Minnesota Sea Grant Program – Cindy provided information on how MN Sea Grant is assisting educators with real-world water quality data that is easy to analyze. Information also shared on Duluth Streams, Duluth’s regional approach to stormwater. Go to http://www.seagrant.umn.edu/education/index.html and http://www.duluthstreams.org for more.

ADJOURN REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE WATERSHED EXHIBIT - 11:30AM

In attendance: John Bilotta, Barb Liukkonen, Ron Struss, Tracy Fredin, Jerry Spetzman, Michele Hanson, Brenda Erickson

The committee met to review the condition of the WaterShed exhibit and make recommendations on its “repair, revision or retirement.” The committee determined as follows:
1. Table 1 (water & pump exhibit)
   - Keep for use at the State Fair only where it is made a permanent exhibit. Solve the leak problem by utilizing an electric pump, hard-plumbed, eliminating water spills and damage to the floor in the DNR Building.
• Discuss with DNR building representatives the water problem, what we are doing to fix it and our potential partnership on the exhibit.
• Outline to a vendor or consultant for the needed repairs to Table 1. (Brenda & others)
2. Table 2 (watershed maps puzzle pieces): Keep for State Fair use only. Update graphics, perhaps through the DNR. (Michelle Hanson will initiate discussions.)
3. Find a financial sponsor for the Watershed Exhibit.
4. A NEW exhibit available to Partners beginning in 2005 will consist of the new Watershed Education KIOSK and a Table 3 (stream with graphics and flip cards).
5. Table 3: Research a lower cost alternative to producing the streams, then create three or four more Table 3s. (Tracy)
6. Bring the van in for an assessment and estimate of needed repairs including oil leak, brakes, etc. Next steps determined after findings. (Brenda)

NOTES:
• Next Steering Committee meeting: Monday, December 20, 1 p.m., at the Center for Global Environmental Education (CGEE), Hamline University. NOTE DATE CHANGE. The Steering Committee meets regularly on the 4th Monday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m. at CGEE. Meetings are open to all WaterShed Partners.
• Next WaterShed Partners meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 9 a.m., at the Department of Agriculture, St. Paul. Let a Steering Committee member know if you have an agenda item for the meeting. Meeting schedule and leaders for 2005 will be determined at this meeting. All Partners are strongly encouraged to attend and help determine the 2005 plan, schedule etc. The WaterShed Partners meet regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 9 to 11 a.m.
• E-mail the WaterShed Partners at watershedpartners@listproc.hamline.edu. Please take care not to respond to an individual through listproc. Take the name from the body of original and e-mail directly. Listproc messages are screened but on occasion personal responses are missed and go to all.

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