

Planning Work Group for Root River One Watershed One Plan

November 10, 2020; 9:00am

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Adam Bielke, BWSR; Jeff Weiss, MN DNR; Emily Zanon, MPCA; Adam King, Dodge SWCD; Laura Christensen, Fillmore SWCD; Nikki Wheeler, Fillmore SWCD; Paul Hunter, Mower SWCD; Dave Walter, Root River SWCD; Dan Wermager, Root River SWCD; Sheila Harmes, Winona County; Daryl Buck, Winona County SWCD

Start Meeting: 09:00

- ~~GIS Update – Kevin Stark, St. Mary’s University:~~
- **WCPI Update – Dan Wermager, Root River SWCD:**
 - Required to do 2 outreach events per year, but due to COVID-19, have been unable to have any as of yet. Looking into a virtual field day.
 - Outreach letters have all been sent, all follow-up phone calls have been completed. One walk-over is lined up for Fillmore County, landowner wants to wait until after deer season to complete walk-over.
 - 126 plans completed this year, goal was 100. Two of three internal strategy meetings completed.
 - Looking to focus on Riceford Creek watershed for 2021, compiling contact info over the winter and send out letters in late winter, begin calling people in early spring.
- **RCPP Update – Adam Bielke, BWSR:**
 - State office sign-up numbers have been finalized, Root River Watershed has ~\$50,000 in funds to spend for upcoming year, still looking into getting unused funding from other watersheds.
 - November 20th, 2020 is application cutoff for Fiscal Year 2021 RCPP funding requests. Ranking will likely take place in March, 2021.
- **Draft 18/19 Watershed Based Implementation Fund Workplan Revisions:**
 - 2018-2019 Financials
 - 31% of the grant funds are left
 - 2020-2021 Financials
 - Just starting into using funding
- **Policy Committee Meeting Preparation/Agenda:**
 - Discussed agenda items for PC meeting.
- **Next meetings:**
 - Policy Committee meeting:
 - 11/23/2020
 - Planning Work Group meeting:
 - Email will be sent out when next meeting is necessary.
- **Other:**
 - Winona County has a new contract written for St. Mary’s University Geospatial Services.
 - Emily Zanon – MPCA Updates, Assessment Status for Root River:
 - MPCA has finished determining list of newly impaired waters, and which impaired waters will get TMDLs or not.
 - Nine waterbodies will get new TMDLs, most are TSS, one E.coli, a few for nitrates.
 - Seven waterbodies will get nitrate TMDLs that were already approved in Cycle 1 WRAPS.
 - Next step: writing Monitoring & Assessment Report – MPCA is changing how they write these reports.
 - “What information is most important to you, that we should include in this report?”

End Meeting: 09:39