



Lower Grand River Watershed Project

Rural Subcommittee Minutes

Meeting Date: March 18, 2003

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Wyoming Clean Water Plant, 2350 Ivanrest SW, Wyoming

Prepared By: Laurie Beth Nederveld

Attending: Abigail Matzke, Doug Powless, Elizabeth Robius, Fred Steketee, Janice Tompkins, Jason Buck, Laurie Beth Nederveld, Mary Ledford, Melissa Eldridge, Myron Erickson, Paul Albright, Rob Zbiciak, and Tom Doyle.

Item 1: Introduction. To begin the meeting, introductions were made by all subcommittee members present.

Item 2: Comments on Steering Committee's Review of Pilot Projects. Ms. Matzke distributed the 6 Pilot Project Information Summaries reviewed by the Steering Committee on March 4th. The summaries list the geographic scope, water quality threats, and level of public participation of each potential pilot project area. It will ultimately be used by the Steering Committee to select the final pilot project areas. At this time Ms. Tompkins offered her assistance in developing a strategic plan for Lake Creek, Cedar Creek, and Sand Creek Watersheds. Also at this time, Mr. Albright requested that the Upper Grand River Watershed's management plan be sent to the Lower Grand River Watershed Project for review. Mr. Buck also noted that seeing the Morrison Lake Plan might also be beneficial.

Item 3: Best Management Practice brainstorm for some of the identified pollutant sources. Using the Rural Pilot Project Information Summaries, rural subcommittee members listed the common pollutants seen within the subwatersheds nominated for pilot project areas. Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Information & Education (I&E) tools were then listed for each pollutant named. The resulting table can be found on page 2 of these minutes.

Item 4: Review Grand Forum Worksheet Summary. Ms. Matzke passed out and explained the Grand River Forum Worksheet Summary to subcommittee members. The original worksheet was passed out at the Grand River Forum meeting held on May 8th. It contained 5 questions concerning water quality/quantity, goals/desired uses, and subwatersheds of concern. Six groups of Forum members discussed and answered the worksheet questions. The worksheet summary passed out to rural subcommittee members summarized the responses given at the Forum.

Item 5: Update on the Evaluation Team. This item will be addressed at the next meeting.

Item 6: Next Meeting. The next 2 monthly meetings are scheduled for April 22, 2003 and May 13, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The meetings will be held at

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	Pollutants	Sources	Best Management Practices	Information & Education Tools
Agriculture	Nutrients	Ag. Runoff, etc	Soil Test	Farm-A-Syst MGSP offered through MDA&MSUE)
	Bacteria		Buffer Strips	Field-A-Syst MGSP offered through MDA&MSUE)
	Sediment		Fencing to limit cattle access	EQUIP
	Hydrologic		Comp. Nut. Mgt. Prg. (CNMP)	CRP
			Manure Management	CCRP
			Alternative water sources	WHIP
			Erosion Control-Rock Chutes	MAEAP-environmental assistance
			Wetland Restoration	WPP-wetland restoration
				Clean Sweep-MDA
	Residential		Bacteria	Septic systems
Nutrients		Yard waste	Buffer Strips	Adopt-A-Stream
Vocs/svocs		Recreational vehicles	Landscaping for Water Quality	American Rivers (clean up)
Trash		People	River Clean Up Days	Lake-A-Syst MGSP offered through MDA&MSUE)
Oil, hazardous waste		People	Ordinance Enforcement/ Devel.	Rain gardens-WMEAC
			Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days	AmeriCorp
				Master Gardeners
				River Network