



# Lower Grand River Watershed Project

## Rural Subcommittee Minutes

**Date:** March 15, 2004

**Location:** Wyoming Clean Water Plant

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

**Prepared by:** Laurie Beth Nederveld

### **In Attendance:**

Mr. Tom Doyle – Barry County Drain Commission

Mr. Myron Erickson – Wyoming Clean Water Plant

Ms. Mary Ledford – Wright Township

Ms. Laurie Beth Nederveld – GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI)

Mr. Gregory Ransford – Robinson Township Zoning Department

Ms. Arleen Spalding – Morrison Lake Improvement Board (MLIB)

### **Item 1: Introduction of Members**

Rural subcommittee members made introductions.

### **Item 2: Lower Grand River Watershed Project Update**

Ms. Laurie Beth Nederveld handed out copies of the Lower Grand River Watershed (LGRW) Project schedule to those members who were not able to attend the February 17th meeting. The project schedule indicates when the remaining project tasks are slated for completion. It also indicates which committee is responsible for each task. Ms. Nederveld reviewed the rural subcommittee's tasks to be completed prior to June 30, 2004.

Ms. Nederveld also provided a brief overview of the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) Guidebook, a module being developed for LGRW communities. Specifically, this module will assist communities to identify local designated uses, watershed pollutants, pollution sources, needed Best Management Practices, and BMP costs in order to assist in the development of a WMP.

In addition, Ms. Nederveld noted that the next Grand River Forum would be held Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at GVSU's Eberhard Center from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p. m. At the Forum, the Watershed Interactive Tool (WIT) will be demonstrated and an update from the Vision Committee will be provided.

### **Item 3: WMP Guidebook Update**

#### **a) Progress Update**

Ms. Nederveld explained that LGRW project staff intend for the WMP Guidebook to be tested in two demonstration areas; one rural and one urban area in the LGRW. The urban subcommittee selected the Reeds Lake subbasin as the urban demo area, while the rural subcommittee selected the Lake Creek watershed as the rural demonstration area. AWRI project staff met with the Morrison Lake Improvement Board (MLIB) on March 4, 2004 in order to determine designated uses, watershed pollutants and sources, as well as Best Management Practices for the Lake Creek Watershed. The WMP Guidebook and outcomes of the two demonstration projects will be the focus of the workshop for area communities in May of 2004.

#### **b) Lake Creek Watershed Demonstration Project– Arleen Spalding**

Regarding the meeting held with the MLIB, Ms. Arleen Spalding provided a summary of the current water quality impacts identified for the Lake Creek Watershed. She indicated agricultural sources of pollution and impacts from the golf course as the significant contributors of watershed pollution to

Morrison Lake and Lake Creek. In addition to the summary of water quality threats, Ms. Spalding also provided a summary of recent watershed activities in the Lake Creek Watershed, including the formation of the Watershed Management Steering Committee (WMSC) in April 2001.

**Item 4: Structural and Managerial BMPs for Rural Areas**

Copies of the “Rural Structural Best Management Practices” spreadsheet were handed out to committee members for review. Committee members provided the following additional information for each listed BMP: pollutants addressed, pollutant removal reliability, and communities currently using the BMP. Since time did not permit review of the “Rural Managerial Best Management Practices” spreadsheet, members agreed to review it at their leisure. Additional information will be sent to Ms. Nederveld and incorporated into the spreadsheet.

**Item 5: Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2004. As agreed upon by the committee, the meeting will be held between 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at the Kent County Public Service Center located at 1500 Scribner Avenue NW, Grand Rapids.

**Item 6: Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.