



Lower Grand River Watershed Project

Rural Subcommittee Minutes

Date: June 17, 2003

Location: Wyoming Clean Water Plant, 2350 Ivanrest Ave., Wyoming

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Prepared by: Jennifer DeLoge

In Attendance: Jason Buck, Jennifer DeLoge, Tom Doyle, Ed Hanenburg, Mary Ledford, Laurie Beth Nederveld, Doug Powless, Janice Tompkins, Tom Williams

Agenda passed out

Item 1: Introduction

The meeting began with introductions of the subcommittee members present. Tom Williams joined the subcommittee today. He was introduced to the Lower Grand Project at the 10th Annual Growing Communities Conference. Mr. Williams is employed with V3, a consulting, construction and real estate organization focused on land, infrastructure, development and natural resource service.

Item 2: Sand Creek Tour – Feedback, Comments

Participants of the Sand Creek tour discussed the sites visited at the tour on June 13th. Sites on Sand Creek that provided topics of major concern included Aman Park, the failed dam, and the Dayton Drain. Sites visited that represented good land use practices in the watershed included the Dewitt Barrels plant and the new weir site.

Item 3: Merging the Rural Subcommittee and Sand Creek Group

After deliberation, the Rural Subcommittee decided they would like to join the Rural Subcommittee with the Sand Creek Group. The Sand Creek group will be asked to make a similar decision in the near future.

Item 4: Data Collection

- Past Studies – Two past studies of Sand Creek will be used as resources in writing up components of the management plan. The first is a 1996 assessment of Sand Creek completed by AWRI-GVSU. The second is a Road/Stream Crossings inventory summarized by DEQ.
- Current field data collection efforts in Sand Creek – Two students working for AWRI are collecting discharge readings and water samples for chemical analysis at 6 sites in the Sand Creek Watershed. Data collection began in May and will run through the fall.
- Future field efforts in Sand Creek – A macroinvertebrate study is planned for this fall. Neil MacDonald of the Grand Valley Biology department has been asked to help conduct this study with Grand Valley students and volunteers.

Item 5: Management Plan Components

A draft of “Desired Uses in the Sand Creek Watershed” was passed out. The Sand Creek Group compiled this spreadsheet. Some of the desired uses include: maintain an improve public access points, build a recreational trail, and create civic/public space.

Item 6: Other Subcommittees – meetings/updates

Janice Tompkins will bring several resource materials to the next meeting.

Item 7: Next meeting

The next meeting was tentatively set for July 15, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at Wright Township Hall located at 1565 Jackson in Marne. Ms. Nederveld will send out an e-mail with directions.