



Lower Grand River Watershed Project

Rural Subcommittee Minutes

Date: August 20, 2003

Location: Wyoming Clean Water Plant

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Prepared by: Jennifer DeLoge

In Attendance:

Mr. Jason Buck – Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc.

Ms. Jennifer DeLoge – GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI)

Mr. Myron Erickson – Wyoming Clean Water Plant

Mrs. Abigail Matzke – GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI)

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

Mr. Doug Powless – Land Conservancy of West Michigan

Ms. Janice Tompkins – Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

Item 1: Introduction.

The meeting began with introductions from subcommittee members.

Item 2: Rural Pilot Project Update and Committee Feedback.

- A. Sand Creek WMP outline:** A draft of the Sand Creek Watershed Management Plan outline was handed out to subcommittee members for review. Questions were posed regarding the watershed report card indicators, watershed maps, and critical area identification. Janice Tompkins recommended using the York Creek Management Plan as a reference tool when defining critical areas. She also indicated that the report card indicators being prepared by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) might not be reading for inclusion into the Sand Creek and Lower Grand River Management Plans.
- B. Sand Creek Physical Inventory Update:** Ms. Nederveld gave a brief update on the two-week physical inventory of Sand Creek. The non-point source pollutants and typical problem sites noted during the inventory were summarized. After the inventory is complete, a summary will be prepared, including recommended BMPs, and will be given to the Sand Creek Watershed Group for future reference.
- C. Feedback from the Technical Subcommittee Meeting on August 7:** At the last technical meeting on August 7, 2003, the technical subcommittee provided two reference documents to the Rural Subcommittee to be used in recommending Best Management Practices. These two documents will be used as templates when recommending BMPS for the Sand Creek Watershed and Rural Subwatersheds of the Lower Grand River Watershed: “BMP recommendations for the Sturgeon Creek Watershed” and “Applicability of BMPs for Urban Areas”, created during the Rogue River Project.

Item 3: I&E Subcommittee Requests.

- A. Identify distribution locations for news insert:** At the request of the I&E subcommittee, the Rural Subcommittee identified several locations where the next Fall Insert could be placed. Restaurant waiting areas (Sam’s Joint and the Depot) and Seed Supply Shops were recommended; the committee also suggested they could be stuffed into utility bills.
- B. Identify those stakeholder groups still needed:** At the request of the I&E subcommittee, the Rural Subcommittee identified the following stakeholders they would like to see join the Rural Subcommittee: Polkton Twp, Ionia Commissioner’s Board, County Farm Bureau, and Montcalm County. These stakeholder groups will be targeted with a cover/letter brochure to solicit additional project involvement.

Item 4: Project Updates.

Ms. Nederveld gave subcommittee updates for the Evaluation Team, Steering, Urban, and Technical Subcommittees. They are as follows:

- The evaluation team met on July 30, 2003 in order to evaluate the progress of the first project year.
- The Steering Subcommittee will be holding a panel discussion on September 30, 2003 in order to determine the future organizational structure for the Grand River Forum.

- The Urban and Technical Subcommittees are currently working on developing appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) for the Lower Grand River Watershed.

Item 5: Next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2003 and will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the following location:

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