

Next Meeting for the
La Salle River Watershed
Planning Advisory Team
(WPAT) will be on
Friday, November 3, 2006 at
the Veteran's Hall in Elie
starting at 9:00 a.m.

La Salle River Integrated Watershed Management Plan
Watershed Planning Authority Team (WPAT) Meeting #1
October 6, 2006 at 9:00 am
Elie Veteran's Hall, Elie Manitoba

Present:

Watershed Planning Authority Members (WPA) (LSRBCD members)

Chairperson -	Mr. Doug Dobrowolski	Present
Vice-Chairperson-	Mr. Roland Rasmussen	Present
	Mr. Marshall Piper	Present
	Mr. Gordon Ducharme	Absent
	Mr. Leonard Arnal	Present
	Mr. Owen Williams	Regrets
	Mr. Rodney Burns	Present
	Mr. Claude Menard	Present
	Mr. Bill Alford	Present

Project Management Team (PMT)

La Salle Redboine CD -	Mr. David Huck	Present
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Watershed Planning Authority Team (WPAT)

Community of Oakville	Mr. Bill Alford	Present
Community of Fannystelle	Mr. Leonard Arnal	Present
Dairy Farmers of Manitoba	Mr. Hans Borst	Present
Community of Haywood	Ms. Lorelei Buisson	Present
RM of Macdonald	Mr. Rodney Burns	Present
White Plains Crop Improvement Association	Mr. Dan Caron	Present
Keystone Agricultural Producers	Mr. Ray Frazmann	Present
Manitoba Pork Council	Ms. Wendy Friesen	Present
Winnipeg Naturalist Services Branch	Ms. Cheryl Heming	Present
Sanford Collegiate	Mr. Albert Jubinville	Present
Community of La Salle	Ms. Gilles Lavalee	Present
International Erosion Control Association	Mr. David Martens	Present
Community of Starbuck	Mr. Robert Morse	Present
Manitoba Pulse Growers Association	Ms. Tammy Jones	Present
RM of Cartier	Mr. Roland Rasmussen	Present
Manitoba Zero Tillage Research Association	Ms. Marla Riekman	Present
Grand Colony	Mr. Jerry Stahl	Present
Prairie Fruit Growers Association	Mr. Waldo Thiessen	Present
RM of Grey - Alternate	Mr. Louis Souque	Present
Sunnyside Colony	Mr. Cornelius Waldner	Present
Keystone Agricultural Producers	Mr. Glenn Young	Present
Community of St. Claude	Mr. Raymond Theroux	Present

Watershed Planning Authority Team (WPAT) – Technical Sub-Group

Manitoba Water Stewardship	Mr. Barry Oswald	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship – Licensing Allocation	Ms. Shannon Beattie	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship – Licensing Allocation	Mr. Pat Hailley	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship	Mr. Graham Phipps	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship	Mr. Geoff Reimer	Present
Manitoba Conservation	Mr. Raymond Reichelt	Present
Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada	Mr. Jason Vanrobaeys	Present
Manitoba Transportation & Government Services	Mr. Archie Miller	Present

Recording Secretary

La Salle Redboine CD-	Ms. Corinna Grenier	Present
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1. Call to order

WPA Chairperson D. Dobrowolski called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

2. Introductions

- Representatives of various organizations and community groups that were in attendance

3. Welcome – WPA & LSRBCD Chairperson D. Dobrowolski

- General welcome to everyone and the organizations that were in attendance
- Main purpose of the WPAT is to give all users of the watershed a chance to comment and present their issues regard the state and the health of their watershed.

4. Integrated Watershed Management Plan – Overview of the planning process and cycle – Mr. Barry Oswald

- Main Objective – to look at protecting all water sources, importantly drinking water
- Overview of the entire Integrated Watershed Planning Process
 - o Department of Water Stewardship's goal is to have municipal Manitoba covered in Integrated Watershed Management Plans (IWMP) over the next 8 years, encompassing 30 different Watershed Plans
 - o Next would be to focus on the developed North then to the undeveloped North
 - o IWMP process is lead by interest stakeholders
 - o The hope is that this will increase the cooperation between planning districts and conservation districts
 - o Key players in the IWMP process are the Water Protection Authorities, Minister of Water Stewardship, Department of Water Stewardship and the Manitoba Water Council
- WPA Attributes
 - o A WPA (Watershed Protection Authority) is an organization that represents a particular watershed with a minimum size of 2,000 km²
 - o This organization is to be incorporated to allow for the administrative and implementation capabilities
 - o Organization is to engage all stakeholders to take part in this IWMP and they are to have land and water interests (focus on resource planning at a watershed level as the quality of water run-off is directly related to land management practices.
- Planning Support
 - o need to compile technical information from the experts as well as the direct land management information from the organizations and individuals that work directly within the watershed
- Financial Support
 - o An initial start up grant is available from the Department of Water Stewardship
 - o Conservation District funding
 - o Water Stewardship Fund
 - o Other External Funding Partners
- Planning Process Cycle
 - o Designate a WPA
 - o Formulate a Plan
 - o Have Plan approved
 - o Implement the Watershed Plan
 - o Monitor the Plan
 - o Review the plan
 - o Start the plan over again at the formulate a plan stage
 - o Public consultation and input in important at every stage of the planning process

- Detailed Planning Process
 - o Pre-Planning Stages (5)
 - Initial discussions with potential WPA agency and Minister of Water Stewardship
 - Agency resolves to be designated at the WPA
 - Memorandum of Understanding is signed between the Minister of Water Stewardship and the WPA
 - Terms of Reference pertaining directly to the watershed is signed by the Minister of Water Stewardship and the WPA
 - Minister of Water Stewardship provides the initial start-up grant to the WPA
 - o Planning Stages (10)
 - Form a Project Management Team (February- Year 1)
 - Form a Watershed Planning Authority Team (Year 1)
 - Compile and distribute a State of the Watershed Report (Year 1)
 - Consult Stakeholders meeting #1 (Winter- Year 1)
 - Compile draft Integrated Watershed Management Plan (IWMP) including a Source Water Protection Plan (Winter- Year 1)
 - Consult Stakeholders meeting #2 (Winter- Year 2)
 - Finalize IWMP (Year 2)
 - Implement IWMP (Year 3 to 8)
 - Monitor IWMP (Year 3 to 8)
 - Evaluate and Redo IWMP (Year 9 & 10)
 - o Timeline
 - March 2006 – start
 - Initiate 5- IWMP plans a year
 - Plan duration – 2 years
 - Complete Municipal Manitoba by 2013

Questions? – None

5. La Salle River IWMP – Mr. David Huck

- Brief introduction to the La Salle Redboine Conservation District (LSRBCD) who is the Water Protection Authority (WPA) for the La Salle River Watershed
- LSRBCD has 46 board members, half of municipal councilors and half of ratepayers appointed from 12 member municipal bodies
- Definition of a Watershed is an area of land, that when water hits the ground it will drain to a central point, i.e. the La Salle River
- Timeline for the La Salle River IWMP, roughly 2 years
 - o All Pre-Planning Stages have been completed
 - o The first two of the Planning Stages have been completed
 - o Currently working on Stage 3 – Compile and distribute a State of the Watershed Report
 - Technical information gathered for the State of the Watershed Report will be presented to the WPAT
 - o 1st Stakeholders (Public) Meeting is slated for January / February of 2007, public facilitator will conduct the meeting to encourage feedback and opinions from all interested parties
 - o Feedback from public meeting and technical information will be used to compile a draft IWMP
 - o Present draft IWMP at a 2nd Stakeholders (Public) Meeting in 2008
 - o Create final IWMP and have LSRBCD implement this plan
- Reviewed IWMP related costs and budget

Questions?

Q: Why hire a Public Facilitator?

A: A public facilitator is impartial to the entire Watershed Planning Process, this way the public can focus their attention on the IWMP and the facilitator can encourage non-biased feedback from landowners and the general public.

6. WPAT Meeting Logistics

- a. Meetings' location, frequency and times
 - Location – central in the Watershed either Elie or Starbuck
 - Frequency – Once per month, try for first Friday of each month
 - Time – daytime meetings with a 9:00 am start
- b. Next Meeting – Friday, November 3, 2006 at 9:00 am at the Elie Veterans Hall in Elie

7. Other Business

- Open Forum / Questions?
 - o Prairie Fruit Growers Association – Mr. Waldo Thiessen
 - Very interested in being a part of the IWMP process but would be unable to be involved in all 30 watershed plans
 - Response: Each plan is to only take 2 years with 5 plans initiated a year, therefore there should only be 10 plans in any given year
 - o Dairy Farmers of Manitoba – Mr. Hans Borst
 - Important that they be involved in this process
 - o Community of Starbuck – Mr. Robert Morse
 - Expressed concerns that if the process takes too long that landowners may lose interest and may not be as involved as desired
 - o Irrigator's Association should be added to the WPAT list

8. Wrap – Up

Mr. Barry Oswald

- Every watershed plan is different as they have their own set of data to work with
- In the IWMP process there will be a State of the Watershed report (SoW), a Watershed Report Card (WRC), and a Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP) created, all done prior to the draft IWMP
 - o SoW is a document stating the current status and health of the watershed
 - o WRC is a document used to compare the health of one watershed to another watershed
 - o SWPP is a document that may be required by 2013 by the Office of Drinking Water for the renewal of Water Treatment Plant Licenses in Municipal Manitoba

9. Adjournment

WPA Chairperson D. Dobrowolski adjourned the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING – Friday, November 3, 2006 in the Elie Veteran's Hall in Elie at 9:00 a.m.

- A North/South Consultant will be present to present their findings on a La Salle River Watershed Assessment completed in June 2006.

Approved:

Corinna Grenier

WPA Chairperson - D. Dobrowolski

Recording Secretary - C. Grenier