

La Salle River Integrated Watershed Management Plan
 Watershed Planning Authority Team (WPAT) Meeting #7
 April 13, 2007 at 9:00 am
 Starbuck Community Hall, Starbuck Manitoba

Present:

Watershed Planning Authority Members (WPA) (LSRBCD members)

Chairperson	Mr. Rodney Burns	Absent
Vice-Chairperson	Mr. Roland Rasmussen	Absent
	Mr. Marshall Piper	Present
	Mr. Gordon Ducharme	Absent
	Mr. Owen Williams	Absent
	Mr. Claude Menard	Present
	Mr. Richard Penner	Present

Project Management Team (PMT)

La Salle Redboine CD	Mr. David Huck	Present
Manitoba Water Stewardship	Mr. Barry Oswald	Present

Watershed Planning Authority Team (WPAT)

Keystone Agricultural Producers	Mr. Ray Franzmann	Present
Organic Producers Association	Ms. Lori-Ann Regnier	Present
RM of Grey - alternate	Mr. Richard Penner	Present
Prairie Fruit Growers Assoc.	Mr. Waldo Thiessen	Present
MB Cattle Producers	Mr. Gerry Simonson	Present
Dairy Farmers of Manitoba	Mr. Hans Borst	Present
Manitoba Pork Council	Ms. Wendy Friesen	Present
Starlite Colony	Mr. Leonard Hofer	Present
Starlite Colony	Mr. Jack Hofer	Present
Community of St. Claude	Mr. Raymond Theroux	Present
Bon Homme Colony	Mr. Andrew Waldner	Present
Bon Homme Colony	Mr. Paul Stahling	Present

Recording Secretary

La Salle Redboine CD	Ms. Amanda Jeffrey	Present
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Facilitator

Building Up	Ms. Wendy Bulloch	Present
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1. Call to order:

- WPA Chairperson M. Piper called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.
- General introductions of individuals and organizations in attendance

2. Recap of Roles of WPAT members

- Barry Oswald reviewed where the WPAT is in the two year plan. There is an estimated seven more meetings to be held in the fall and winter of 2007-2008.
- The purpose of the fall meetings will be editing the draft plan into what the team feels is a satisfactory plan.
- The focus of this meeting is to acquire local knowledge.
- No technical sub group is in attendance of this meeting, but thanks to them for the information that they brought to the table.

3. Review of Watershed Issues and Concerns

A. Public Feedback

- Review of the Community Consultation Summary Report (Attached)

B. WPAT Comments from meeting #6

- Review of comments of members from meeting #6 (Attached)

C. Is anything Missing?

- Additional items missing from previous lists was established (Attached)

Wendy divided the members into three work groups

4. Identification of top five priorities from Issues identified – Work Groups

- This was done by each of the work groups and described below

5. Identification of top priority concerns by WPAT

- Water Management
 - Flooding of cropland and property
 - Overland flooding
 - Elm Creek Channel flows – volume of flows
 - La Salle River flooding
- Drainage Maintenance
 - Consistent drainage management (erosion)
 - Bank erosion
 - Drain maintenance
 - Soil and bank erosion
- Water Quality
 - Drainage of municipal lagoons
 - Water quality as a whole
 - Impacts on water quality (livestock operations and municipal lagoons – all human activities)
 - Quality and monitoring
- Public education
- River clean up and debris removal

6. Identification of practical solutions or steps towards addressing top watershed concerns- Work Groups

7. Identification of practical solution by WPAT

- Some of the potential solutions to the issues identified as discussed by the present individuals.
- Water Management
 - Immediate dyking
 - Elm Creek Channel diversion
 - Regulating water flow (through physical means)
 - Drainage
 - Proper funding and drainage works
 - Supervision to make sure things are done (pro active)
 - Owners are responsible for their drains
 - Culvert size engineered
 - Grassed runway on landowners fields to prevent plugs in major drains
- Water Quality
 - Government monitoring wells
 - Water retention ponds, dams
 - Lagoons, wells to be monitored
 - Keep livestock away from rivers

- Public Education
 - How to involve public more
 - Advertise positively
 - Educate about household cleaners
- River clean up and Debris
 - Remove debris
 - Public awareness
 - “feel good” campaign
 - Regular maintenance
 - Remove debris caused by beavers
 - Do a tree clean up in the fall

8. Wrap up and Next meeting

- The forms that were completed by the members that attended the meeting will also be sent to all of the members in the mail.
- The next meeting will be held in October
- All members will be getting a copy of the State of the Watershed report, either a hard copy or a CD.

9. Adjourn and lunch

Approved:

WPA Chairperson – M. Piper

Amanda Jeffrey

Recording Secretary – A. Jeffrey