

Stephenfield Lake Watershed Management Plan Riparian/Wetland Enhancement and Protection Plan – Action Group and Source Water Protection Plan – Action Group Joint Meeting



Minutes of Meeting # 4/2006 – October 5th, 2006 – Golden Age Club, Notre Dame, MB 9:00am

1. Call meeting to order by Chairman – Addition of agenda #9 Cattle in Stephenfield Reservoir
2. Minutes for meeting #3/2006 – Minutes approved and reviewed 1st Roy Wood, 2nd Garry Verniest
3. Environmental Agri-Equivalent – activity to date – job advertisement handout and timeline/budget update provided by Cliff and Dave
4. Riparian Health Assessment – activity to date – circulate example la salle document update provided by Dave
5. Wetland Inventory – activity to date – Update provided concern about ability to achieve goals of wetland protection due to taxation and reality of farming today. Wetland plan must include incentive based thinking. How are we going to deliver this program? If there is a benefit to society, society must pay.
6. Source Water Protection Plan – activity to date – Cliff made a presentation regarding the steps to producing a SWPP. Next steps will be to have discussions with PVWC to determine main concerns for source protection from the Plants perspective. (G. Bushati indicated that algae and OM which converts to THM's from reaction with chloride is largest concern for plant. Also smell and taste are high on the list.)
There was also lengthy discussion about how to best manage riparian areas for source protection including the need for public reserves along waterways to reduce impacts of residential development on water quality, habitat and bank stability.
7. Education ideas –
 - a. Watershed report card and contact letter – comments received included widespread support from AG members, need for bigger print, 2 page maximum and excellent start to communication for group.
 - b. Landowner questionnaire – summarized results – discussion of summary of information received from participants many results were positive. Dave to prepare newspaper article about survey results. Marguerite Wittevrongel of treherne was the winner of the survey participant prize.
 - c. Managing the Waters Edge Workshop – Dave will organize a managing the water's edge workshop for AG members this fall.
 - d. Information Kiosk at Stephenfield Lake Provincial Park – e-mail from parks staff read aloud support for education idea from provincial park staff
 - e. Website Updated – minutes for AG and other stlwwmp data available at www.lasalledboine.com
 - f. Others??? – none proposed
8. Expansion of Plan Boundaries – Correspondence from the RM of Dufferin and Town of Carman – expansion of boundaries was approved by both RM of Dufferin and town of Carman. Expansion area residents may not be eligible for EAEP funding.

9. Cattle in Stephenfield Lake – history of the concern was provided by Gilbert Bushati and he also addressed the potential solutions and the need for a partnership approach. Gilbert was also thanked by the group for his support for the STWLWMP process and open nature of his problem solving of this issue. An inventory of the issue is currently being addressed by LSRBCD board and staff members and a proposal will be prepared and submitted to the water stewardship fund on behalf of the STLWMP – AG's.
10. Updated contact list – a list was circulated to all AG members present and updated as required.
11. Merger of Action Groups into one delivery group – Approved 1st, Ray Leneal, 2nd Geo. Jackson CARRIED by unanimous vote of members.
12. Next Meeting – Dec 14th 2006 9-12 am Village of Notre Dame Board Room

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