

**RED RIVER BASIN FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION WORK GROUP
MEETING NOTES**

June 20, 2017

Red Lake Watershed District, Thief River Falls, MN

These meeting notes are provided as a record for this meeting. **Action Items are indicated in bold italicized text.**

Work Group members present: Rita Albrecht, Eddie Bernhardson, LeRoy Carriere, Dan Wilkens, Jerome Deal, Susan Westrom, Greg Holmvik, Craig Jarnot

Guests present: Henry Van Offelen, Naomi Goral, Chad Engels, Tracy Halstensgard, Nate Dalager, Jay Leitch, Dan Money, Tony Nordby, Brent Silvis, Danielle Yaste, Danni Halvorson

Introductions and Review Agenda. Meeting agenda was reviewed and approved.

Review and approve April meeting notes. Highlights of the April meeting notes were reviewed and approved. Henry provided an update on the FY17 and FY18 objectives.

FY17 Budget update and FY18 budget approval

- Naomi and Henry reviewed the current status of line items in the budget. Some line items have not been fully expended and some reallocation is expected once all 3rd and 4th quarter expenses are submitted in July and August. **Henry and Naomi to finalize FY17 expenditures and recommend reallocation of funds for project team expenses for the August meeting.**
- Henry presented the proposed FY18 budget which aligns with the FY17 budget. **FY18 budget was approved.**
- The project acceleration grant request background was provided to remind folks of the process. Several applications are expected in future meetings.

Request for 75:25 funding – Roseau Lake

Nate Dalager and Tracy Halstensgard provided an overview of the Roseau Lake Project and a completed 75:25 funding request worksheet. After some discussion, the project was recommended for 75% funding. **Henry to craft a letter of support for Rita and Jerome to sign and send to the watershed district.**

Project Monitoring and Mapping

Danni Halvorson gave a presentation to the group on the current status of wetland monitoring in FDR projects and plans to conduct additional assessments in 2017. The IWI has incorporated this their annual work plan and will conduct this monitoring when the water quality monitoring does not use the entire budget. **Henry will work with Danni to develop a project monitoring schedule/rotation.**

Danielle Yaste provided an overview of the mapping project that IWI has also begun to implement. Five project are currently available online in the form of a “story

map". A couple projects were reviewed with strong interest. ***Danielle will work with the WD administrators to update these maps based on their edits/additions. IWI will continue to develop these maps as budget allows.***

Committee Updates

- Work Group Membership. Susan Westrom will temporarily fill Bruce Nelsons vacancy for FSA. Filling vacancies for the SWCD and NRCS, and environmental representatives remain a work in progress.
- Handbook – The readiness form has been on hold pending final review.
- Legislative Update –Ron’s highlighted his monthly report given to the RRWMB. Encouraged the work group to support the RRWMB letter to EQB regarding mandatory thresholds for EAW/EIS. ***The August agenda to include a an item to discuss the work group’s support for the letter.***

Watershed District Project Team Updates

The watershed updates were provided by representatives present from each watershed district.

Agency and Organization Updates

The agency and organization updates were provided by agency representatives.

Other Items

No other items were presented.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:40