



Lower Grand River Watershed Project

Information and Education Subcommittee Minutes

Meeting Date: April 20, 2004

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Location: Kent County Road Commission – 1500 Scribner, Grand Rapids

Prepared By: Donna Stevens

Attending: Andy Bowman, John Koches, Wendy Ogilvie, Corky Overmyer, Patricia Pennell, Bonnie Shupe, Donna Stevens, Rick Sullivan, Janice Tompkins, Dan Wolz

Item 1: Introduction

Mr. John Koches brought the meeting to order. There was a formal agenda for this meeting.

Item 2: Review of Minutes

The committee members were given the minutes from the March 22, 2004 meeting for review.

Item 3: FTCH Presentation

Ms. Wendy Ogilvie gave a handout to the committee entitled: “Watershed Action Plan”.

Ms. Ogilvie gave a presentation on the Watershed Action Plan and the Watershed Assessment Matrix. Questions and comments were held after the presentation. The committee liked both products, and wanted FTCH to continue with a few changes. A few of those changes were:

- An update date on the Watershed Action Plan.
- Comment boxes that explain the topics in the Watershed Action Plan.
- The resource library be linked to the Watershed Assessment Matrix.
- Designated uses be put in under characteristics in the Watershed Assessment Matrix.

Item 4: AWRI Presentation

Ms. Donna Stevens gave two handouts to the committee entitled: “Watershed Interactive Tool (WIT)” and “Watershed Interactive Mapping”.

Ms. Stevens gave a presentation on the Watershed Information Tool. Due to technological difficulties, neither the Watershed Information Tool nor the Watershed Interactive Mapping Tool could be viewed, but both website addresses were handed out. Questions and comments were held after the presentation of the Watershed Information Tool presentation. The committee liked both products and wanted AWRI to continue with a few changes. A few of those changes were:

- Make sure that abbreviations are in the General Watershed Terminology portion of the Local Water Issues in the Watershed Interactive Tool.
- Make sure that the Septic Management Plan is put in the Septic Systems portion of the Local Water Issues in the Watershed Interactive Tool. (*Note: it is already included*)
- Make sure the Kent County Storm Water Ordinance is in the Government Resources Site in the Watershed Interactive Tool. (*Note: it is already included*)

Item 5: Stormwater Savvy

Ms. Janice Tompkins gave a short presentation on the CES Storm Water I & E Campaign. Ms. Tompkins passed out a packet of information on the sort of materials that the campaign will be using. Ms. Tompkins also informed the group of the Stormwater Savvy Workshops that CES will be hosting.

Item 6: Watershed Educational Center

At this time there are no updates on the center.

Item 7: For the Next Meeting

- It was asked by Mr. Koches that the organizations represented in the committee submit a list of ideas of what their organizations would like to do in the next five years.
- Mr. Koches will give a summary of what is happening with the strategy, PEPP and visioning. Mr. Koches will also bring what is available for review.
- Mr. Dan Wolz will give a update on the Watershed Educational Center.

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Item 8: Next Meeting

May 17, 2004

1:30 – 3: 30 p.m. at the
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1500 Scribner,
Grand Rapids, MI 49504