

Long Prairie Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

2/8/2022

Attendance

In person: Adam, Jerry Haggemiller, Fran Brieter, Dan Williams, Rodger Dukowitz, Scott Gilbertson, Bruce Curley, David Tomsche, Deja Anton, Shannon Wettstein, Moriya Rufer, Danielle Anderson

Zoom: Gene Rose, Scott Schnuckle, Bill Faber, Dan Langseth, Amy Kowalzek

- Meeting started at 10:08 AM
- Adam O called for introductions of all attendees.
- Committee Roles Refresher
 - Deja A reviewed who sits on each committee and what each committee does.
 - Committees include: Policy, Citizens Advisory, Steering, and Advisory
- Connecting the dots, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) suggestions into the plan
 - Moriya R lead a discussion about the connection between input from the CAC and the plan development.
 - This is the 3rd CAC meeting, recap of previous meetings
 - 1) Watershed concerns and issues
 - Q: Define Forest.
 - Discussion on popular stand management and conversion to other land uses
 - Q: Are there priorities within the priorities?
 - Yes, priorities are broken down on action table by planning region.
 - 2) Actions per planning region
 - Q: Explain “lake and stream goals include improvements downstream”
 - What we do upstream impacts downstream as well. For example, reductions to Lake Ida benefit Lake Carols and the Long Prairie River.
 - Q: Where are you getting reduction goal numbers?
 - From the WRAPS and TMDL plans.
 - Q: Will watershed-based implementation funding coordinate with NRCS efforts?
 - Yes, NRCS is contributing information to the plan. Watershed funding will be used to provide match dollars for NRCS projects.
 - Q: What kind of compensation will be provided for buffers?
 - This has not been decided. We may have monetary compensation, but we may not.
 - Q: What is provided for septic system improvements?
 - Low-income grants are always available as are Ag BMP loans.
 - Explain “ACUB / Sentential Landscape”
 - They are both easement programs available for landowners around Camp Ripley. The goal of these programs is to reduce development pressure around the camp and preserve the habitat. Under these

easements landowners can still work the land, but the land cannot be further built on.

- Q: Is the Sentential Landscape program a success?
 - Yes, it is very successful with a high demand. 300+ easements have been implemented through the program since it's establishment years ago.
- Q: Where does the plan address water quantity (lake levels) and what can be done about drainage problems? (Question about Lake Shamineau)
 - Lake Shamineau has excellent water quality. SWCD's and are partner agencies focus on water quality not water quantity. This funding can not be used for ditching or creating a lake outlet. This money can be used for shoreline restoration and upstream wetland storage improvements.
- Resource Prioritization – money is limited so prioritization is needed.
 - Ground water
 - Reviewed map of priority areas
 - Q: Is tritium still and issue?
 - Yes, although not talked about much anymore. Nitrates have taken the focus at this point.
 - Surface water watershed priorities
 - Reviewed map of priority areas
 - No questions
- Deja A lead a group activity: break up by county to review relevant portion of plan to ensure local priorities are not missed.