

Heart River Watershed Restoration Project

January 12th, 2016

Nampa Ag Services Building

In Attendance: Adam Norris, Angela de Klerk, Josef MacLeod (called-in), Kahlil Ahmed, Kerri O'Shaughnessy (called-in), Monika Benoit (called-in), Sebastien Dutrisac, Shelleen Gerbig

1. Administration - called to order at 1:08 pm

- Welcome
- Review minutes

HWRP TEAM ACCEPTED OCTOBER 9TH, 2015 MINUTES

- Review agenda
 - Added attendance to Next Steps

AGENDA ACCEPTED

2. Action Item List Review

- Suggestion for Adam to look into press release if we can't get an article in the Peace Record-Gazette

ACTION ITEM: Adam to upload water quality data provided by Josef

ACTION ITEM: Adam to edit Cows and Fish landowner handout and upload for HWRP Team to review.

3. Life and Times update - Kerri

- This project is on track and the final deliverable should be ready by end of March or beginning of April
- The HWRP Team indicated that they did not need to review a draft before Cows and Fish provides a final product
- Provide Peace River Museum with a copy of video

ACTION ITEM: Adam to forward copy of video to Museum

ACTION ITEM: Adam to forward Kerri funding acknowledgement

4. Farmer appreciation night update - Sebastien

- The event was poorly attended

HWRP Team meeting

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- No material (pamphlets) was taken
5. Placemats
- Kerri resent the final placemat

ACTION ITEM: Sebastien to print placemats

ACTION ITEM: Sebastien, Shelleen and Monika to distribute placemats

6. Survey review (15 minutes)
- There has been poor response thus far - just 2
 - promotion

ACTION ITEM: Kerri to share survey on facebook

ACTION ITEM: Khalil to mail out hard copies

7. Possible restoration activity sites next steps
- Most of the discussion for this agenda item was captured in the table appended to the minutes (see below)
 - A Cows and Fish baseline for the sites we work on would be helpful
 - Where do we get funds?
 - The project funding runs out December 2016 and so we need to ensure that we line up appropriate activities to address the restoration activities in the table below

ACTION ITEM: Adam to look into ACA, LSN and Growing Forward 2 grants

ACTION ITEM: Kerri to check with Colin Stone if further work is needed on the Benjamin Creek project

ACTION ITEM: Sebastien to forward Ian Cosh's and Mike Konawalyk's contac info to Josef

ACTION ITEM: Josef to check with Mike and Ian and provide input on high priority culverts to maximize improvement to fish habitat

8. Communication (20 minutes)
- Discussion around how best to promote the project and the work being done

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ACTION ITEM: Adam to forward Kerri MPWA's AGM date

ACTION ITEM: Adam to request that Lorne to write a blurb to introduce Life and Times video

9. EDF update

- Project funds expire in December 2016
- Focus on aligning restoration activities with those in the application

10. Next steps

- Team members to work on Action Items in table below
- Next meeting end of February/beginning of March

10.1 Attendance of Team Members

- The Village of Nampa has not been present for a long time
- We need to check with them to see what their thoughts about the project and their attendance are

ACTION ITEM: Adam to check with Ed/Village of Nampa about how they want to participate

11. Adjournment 3:39 pm

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RESTORATION ACTIVITY	GOAL	LANDOWNER /SITE	ISSUE	LEAD	NEXT STEP	DUE	BUDGET
1. Riparian Vegetation	Increase in the percentage of riparian area that is vegetated and an increase in Cows and Fish Riparian Score	Peavine Creek/Myrtle Creek	Revegetation but no fencing; cropping	Shelleen	Confirm Landowner	15/2/2016	\$2000
2. Farm Water Planning	Increase in water retention on the landscape and an increase in the distribution of nutrients of over the watershed.	Aaron Collins	Farm water workshop/field project	Monika	Talk to Aaron	15/2/2016	\$1800
		Hogbins	Dugout project and livestock watering program	Sebastien	talk to them; Growing Forward 2 does need an EFP under the water management	7/2/2016	\$5000
3. Culvert improvement.	Reduction in sediment loading in Heart River and tributaries as well as the mitigation of one fish passage barrier.	NSC	Identify priority locations for improvements	Josef	Contact Ian Cosh and Mike Konawalyk about prioritizing culverts improvement for fish habitat	7/2/2016	\$2000
4. Stream bank	Reduction of sediment loading in	Baars		Sebastien	talk to Baars	7/2/2016	\$2000

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fencing/bank erosion	the Heart River and tributaries and increase the area of bank stabilized.	Black Gold		Sebastien	talk to Black Gold	7/2/2016	\$2000
5. Livestock management	Increase the number of off-site watering points installed and increase the Cows and Fish Riparian Health Score.	Baars		Sebastien	talk to Baars	7/2/2016	\$3000
		Horse owners	Acreage/ horse owner	Monika	check list and see if there are potential sites that need work	15/2/2016	\$5000
6. Cropper setbacks	Increase the number of hectares put back into permanent vegetation, the number of hectares put back into native vegetation and an increase in Cows and Fish Riparian health score if it is in riparian zone.	Black Gold		Sebastien	talk to Black Gold	7/2/2015	\$2000
		Petluk - tied into ALUS project		Sebastien	talk to them	7/2/2016	\$2000