### July 21, 2014 Minutes

In Attendance: Adam Norris, Gary Braithwaite, Jennifer Straub, KayeDon Wilcox, Kerri O'Shaughnessy, Leanne Osokin (conference call), Wanda Watts

## Meeting called to order at 9:21 am.

- 1. Administration
  - 1.1. Welcome
  - 1.2. Review minutes moved to Item 8.
  - 1.3. Review agenda
- 2. Review of restoration plan purpose and objectives
  - Adam provided an overview of the project and its objectives
  - KayeDon noted the the focus on non-shovel ready project, that is the needed for planning and assessment before physical work begins
  - The only municipalities involved directly are Northern Sunrise County and the Village of Nampa
  - Gary mentioned some of the on-the-ground projects that this plan could be involved in prioritizing and initiating
    - Rick Dedick at the headwaters of Benjamin Creek could be one potential project
    - Fencing material, dugouts for Rick Dedick can the HWRP assist with this?
- 3. Workplan Review
  - The workplan was reviewed and accepted by the HWRP Team
- 4. Table of Contents review
  - focus on future
  - ensure the long-term time-frame is present
  - NSC will be the key implementer of the plan
  - there needs to be a list of prioritized work that should be undertaken
  - Can we provide trade-offs to show implementers the benefits and costs of implementing the plan?
  - We are working to ensure that NSC is part of project development

and aware and supportive of the work being done

### ACTION ITEM: Adam/Sebastian to present HWRP to NSC council

- how do we get the public on board?
- if there are to outlays of money that must be made the municipalities need to contribute as well as the rate-payers
- is a land swap (as Ed suggested) a potential
- Wanda should provide us with a range of possibilities implementation feasible or not - and the HWRP Team will help prioritize these items
- relate what fish need to what is happening on the landscape
- add biological component (bacteria) to water quality
- tracking and record-keeping is a key component of being able to determine success (adaptive management) - It would be good to have a suggestion as to how this could be done up front
- this project requires a lot of synthesis
- 5. Resources for Wanda & crew
  - 5.1. List of people who are resources
    - Dave Brown and David Brandt

# ACTION ITEM: Adam to check with Monica about these Dave Brown and David Brandt

- Audrey Gall
- Colin Stone is another contact person
- 5.2. List of activities/BMPs/initiatives that need to feed into the plan
  - Heart River Watershed Management Plan (<u>http://aquality.ca/uploads/news/id93/Heart\_River\_WMP.pdf</u>)
  - Water licenses for the Heart River
  - Benjamin Creek Project (<u>http://esrd.alberta.ca/lands-forests/grazing-range-management/documents/BenjaminCreekProject2007-2009-Nov2011.pdf</u>)
  - Aerial riparian survey
    (<u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0SWvwh2e45bj\_I5BskpJhppIYmfDEVs</u>)
  - Aerial videography still needs more functionality, we need to map it

# ACTION ITEM: KayeDon/Sebastien to map, find GIS data for aerial videography

- 5.3. Other
  - industrial development in the green zone is probably affecting water quantity - removal of beaver dams is reducing water storage and increasing summer water shortages
    - affects ag producers
    - Toso Bozic tracking yield response to shelterbelts
  - Gary reiterated the importance of shelterbelts for croppers
  - It would be helpful to have a central repository for files

### ACTION ITEM: Adam to set-up Smartsheet for document repository

#### Jennifer, Leanne and Wanda departed at 11: 19 am

- 6. Outreach, Awareness & Education
  - 6.1. Video testimonials Life and Times
    - it would probably cost more than \$5000 to do it
    - we can reduce costs by providing things such as the aerial photography and historical photos
    - it would be good to have a narrated version
    - HWRP Team decided to pursue this and requested that Cows and Fish submit a proposal

# ACTION ITEM: Adam to confirm how much money is available for this ACTION ITEM: Kerri to get a quote from Cows and Fish for a Life and Times

- 6.2. Placemats
  - the HWRP Team discussed the design and content of the placemat together
    - the map should have the main roads, waterways, centers, green and white zone depicted on it
    - put contact info on for NSC and MPWA
    - put all logos on placemat

#### ACTION ITEM: Gary to forward the source for the historical photos to Adam

### ACTION ITEM: KayeDon to forward the slide and photos to Adam

- HWRP Team would like a before and after theme with landscape, water and fish components
- it would be good to use a graphic designer to create placemat

#### 6.3. Survey review

- surveys can useful in communicating the value of our project to elected councils
- try to get DRAFT done by the end of July
- One question can be "When you think of the Heart River what do you think of? Drinking water, swimming, fish, quadding, agriculture..."
- Can we provide an incentive to complete the survey?
- We need to push the survey out to the public multiple times to ensure a response

ACTION ITEM: Adam to develop a schedule of newsletter deadlines ACTION ITEM: Adam to post the new surveys to the website ACTION ITEM: Adam to put Lac La Nonne Survey Questions and Gary's questions together as DRAFT and circulate to HWRP Team for refining ACTION ITEM: KayeDon to see if the provincial values survey questions are available and forward to Adam

- 6.4. Dates of upcoming opportunities
  - Gary suggested using the SARDA newsletter to promote the group
  - SARDA trade show in March should be one of our forums
- 7. Next steps these were covered under 6.
  - 7.1. Placemat
  - 7.2. Open houses
- 8. Review of minutes from May 28, 2014
  - HWRP Team reviewed and accepted the minutes from May 28, 2014
- 9. Adjournment 12:15 pm