

# Heart River Watershed Restoration Project

April 14, 2015 Minutes

Ag Services Building, Nampa

In Attendance: Adam Norris, Brian Lucko (arrived 10:08), Karen Stephens, Kerri O'Shaughnessy (called-in), Monika Benoit, Sebastien Dutrisac, Stacy Pritchard

**Meeting called to order at 9:15 am.**

## 1. Administration

- 1.1. Welcome
- 1.2. Review minutes
  - Minutes approved
- 1.3. Review agenda
  - Accepted
- 1.4. Action Item Review
  - Action Item Review completed

## 2. Membership request - Bob Hart

- HWRP team agreed to invite Bob Hart, a trapper on North Heart River, to join

**ACTION ITEM: Adam to contact Bob Hart and inform him he is welcome to join**

## 3. Budget Review

- The annual budget submission to EDF was reviewed and approved by the HWRP Team once Cows and Fish have been put back into the form

**ACTION ITEM: Adam to add Cows and Fish back into budget form**

## 4. Potential locations to align with 6 priority activities

### 4.1. Videography assessment

- Brian provided the Riparian aerial assessment map and described the issue of getting both banks onto the same map
- The HWRP Team can use internally like this but for Awareness and Education it would be better to have both banks on the same map
- AESRD has some fencing material
- Black Gold is in red riparian area (Harwryluk)

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**ACTION ITEM:** Brian to check with GIS people to see if they can drag sections over

**ACTION ITEM:** Sebastien to merge maps if Brian/GIS people cannot

**ACTION ITEM:** Adam to forward maps to HRWP Team

### 4.2. Jessed Lemieux (Rob Avis)

- Jesse Lemieux is unavailable and Monika/PCBFA are looking at bringing Rob Avis - there is a call scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>. The morning would be classroom work and the afternoon would be field work.
- Cost projection for this workshop is about \$2500 and it falls under the priority Farm Water Planning

**HWRP Team agreed to move ahead with this project and partner with PCBFA. Exact financial contribution by HWRP to be determined.**

### 4.3. ALUS (update from Sebastien)

- This is on hold till June 2016 due to a Government of Alberta moratorium on wetland restoration agents
- Northern Sunrise County is waiting to hearing from both the Government of Albert and Delta Waterfowl on this

### 4.4. Culverts

- NSC is going to spend about 5 million on drainage in the next couple of years
- Mike Konowalyk is director of transportation and Ian Cosh headed the Hydrological Assessment (Planning and Engineering)
- we can bring them in to talk about this and get Brian to provide input from the fisheries perspective to try and align work to meet everyone's needs
- Alberta Transportation has a database on culverts
- DFO and AESRD have a water crossing guideline

**ACTION ITEM:** Adam to forward the Northern Sunrise County Hydrological Assessment to Brian

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## **ACTION ITEM: Adam to fix email list**

### 5. Education and Awareness

#### 5.1. Life and Times video

- The HWRP Team reviewed the proposal submitted by Cows and Fish
- If new imagery is needed, it will need to happen this summer
- do residents have photos that they would share?
- ask Bob Hart for photos
- Harry Krawchuck has a lot of stories
- Brian and Wanda have old weir photos
- Village of Nampa might have photos or be interested in helping with Life and Times Video

The HWRP Team agreed by consensus to get Cows and Fish to do a Life and Times for the Heart River Watershed. HWRP will try to provide as much as possible to help reduce costs.

**ACTION ITEM: Sebastien to mail Kerri the Riparian Aerial Videography CD.**

**ACTION ITEM: Everyone to forward Kerri photos of the Heart River Watershed**

**ACTION ITEM: Adam to write a contract for Cows and Fish.**

#### 5.2. Placemats

- HWRP reviewed placemat

**ACTION ITEM: Adam to add photos to placemat and send it to group**

#### 5.3. Forums

- Peace River ag grounds - Farmer Day (June 13th)
  - get stories for Life and Times
  - Sebastien could be there on behalf of HWRP
  - Kerri can also be there
  - Run riparian aerial videography on screen

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- Hand out HWRP flyer

### 5.4. Distribution of the Restoration Plan

- Have hard copies available at Farmer Day

### 6. Next steps

- Next meeting will be June 16<sup>th</sup>
- How will we select properties to do projects on?
- Kerri is available to do HWRP work June 15<sup>th</sup>

**ACTION ITEM: Adam to forward Redwillow Watershed Restoration Project selection matrix to HWRP Team**

**ACTION ITEM: Adam to invite Brian and Stacy to Smartsheet**

### 7. Adjournment **11:39 am**