

Heart River Watershed Restoration Project

December 12, 2014

Ag Services Building, Nampa

In Attendance: Adam Norris, Brian Lucko, Gary Braithwaite (conference call), Kerri O'Shaughnessy (called-in), Monica Benoit (called-in), Sebastian Dutrisac,

Meeting called to order at 1:38 pm.

1. Administration

- Welcome
- Review minutes
 - Gary moved that we accept the minutes, Sebastien seconded
- Review agenda
 - Accepted

2. Prioritization of restoration activities

- 6 prioritized restoration activities are to be selected
 - Adam reviewed project goals and the issue of bank instability as a key cause as identified by Fish and Wildlife
 - Potential Sites - Rick Dedick - lacks water when dry; riparian area deteriorated; possible Whole Farm Water Management planning site
 - G & D Skwarik - possible expansion on streams off of existing site on SE13-81-20-W5.
 - Other Whole Farm Water Management planning sites of proposed from PCBFA.
 - Sebastien mentioned that NSC is now the Wetland Conservation agent/authority; Hogbins brothers another potential good site(s); cattle operators; have a good wetland.
 - Benjamin Creek Green Zone (grazing lease) has weed issues and is proposed for control; some F & W work on site in the past.
 - Culverts (functionality) with fish passage concerns to be identified and addressed. The last one on Benjamin Creek has been renovated with a cement culvert; video/maps show 15% (streambank one-side) of watercourse with over cropping riparian area concerns.

ACTION ITEM: Brian to produce a hard copy of map from the video.

- Type of projects proposed - Riparian vegetation; farm water

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management planning; culvert improvement; Streambank fencing/bank erosion; Livestock Management; Cropper setback.

HWRP Team approved by consensus these six types of projects listed above as the prioritized restoration activities for this project.

- The HRRP has \$10k for these above projects.
- Actual sites for these types of projects will be sought by Team and brought back to the table.
- Need to ID and map all significant riparian sites.
- The old weir is of low priority and/or concern - it actually allows fish passage.

ACTION ITEM: Adam to write HWRP article for Peace Record Gazette.

- Heart River History (Life and Times) - Kerri still capable of creating a high-end video documentary but would require a few months and \$10k to fund.

ACTION ITEM: Any photos to share need to be uploaded to Smartsheet.

ACTION ITEM: HWRP Team to review the Life

- A Smoky River Tradeshow Booth booked with the MPWA sharing.
- A draft placement version needs to be prepared.

ACTION ITEM: Gary to apply for ACA riparian grant prior to Jan 30, 2015

3. Adjournment **3:50 pm**