

SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA WATER RESOURCES BOARD
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 7, 2009

MEETING SUMMARY

In attendance

Dodge County:	Mark Gamm	Steele County:	Scott Golberg
	Dean Schrandt	Wabasha County:	
Fillmore County:	Joe Magee	Winona County:	Pat Bailey
Goodhue County:	Beau Kennedy	SEMNRWB:	Linda Dahl
Houston County:		Cannon River WP:	Ross Hoffmann
Mower County:	Justin Hanson	MPCA:	Justin Watkins
	Bill Buckley		Shaina Keseley
Olmsted County:	Sheila Harmes	BWSR	Michelle Schaefers
Rice County:	Julie Runkel		

Draft Work Plan Items

- 2009 Work Plan suggestions:
 - Have plans ready to go for Clean Water Amendment funding
 - Be proactive as a group in assessing project priorities for SEMWRB by targeting action items in water plans
 - Think about how we would meet administrative needs if we were handling significantly larger projects and funds
 - Consider a JPB resolution to increase shoreland buffer funding to each county

Volunteer Nitrate Monitoring Network

- Newsletter ideas: wait to send next newsletter until Feb results are in; provide updated numbers from the February sampling; include charts; review sampling procedures; include other groundwater/well water info; incorporate where to get funds for well sealing/drilling; ask Jim Lundy to provide a small article pointing out the significance of some of the data (perhaps focusing on one aquifer).
- Survey Results: Consensus is that the survey results are in a good format as they are; it's easy to find information about categories of interest.
- Data Results/Policy Implications: Actions to follow monitoring may include education regarding BMPs for water resource protection and seeking more funding for new well drilling; it was agreed we need to act as a region in order to affect policy.
- Nitrate monitoring continuation:
 - Some counties won't continue with the network unless funding continues at the regional level.
 - After the first 2 years, we could consider dropping the low nitrate wells or monitoring them less often.
- Quality Control: Quality control procedures were reviewed and all counties present reported they were conducting the QA/QC measures as laid out.

Shoreland Forum - Ross Hoffmann distributed an agenda for the shoreland forum.

Feedlot IV agreement – Feedlot IV funds will be distributed for cost share and technical assistance among the participating counties. Justin Hanson reported that the work plan for the Feedlot IV grant needs to be developed; funds will likely be available the summer of 2009.

Wastewater IV – The subcontract with Cannon River Watershed Partnership for the two wastewater facilitator positions is complete and the facilitators are continuing work with unsewered communities as well as providing assistance with straightpipe inventory projects.