

BUFFALO-RED RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

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10 Year Comprehensive Plan Update

Public Input Kick off Meeting Wells Fargo Bank Building, Barnesville, MN February 27th, 2007

In attendance were: Wayne Brendemuhl, Alvin Hanson, Ken Schellack, Pete Waller, Jack Frederick, Dave Barsness, Kevin Martin, Brian Winter, Bob Merritt, Bob Zimmerman, Don Schultz, Karen Branden, Brian Winter, Henry VanOffelen, Brian Dwight, Mark Aanenson, Bruce Albright, Bruce Poppel, Arnold Swenson, Jerome Flottesmesch, Mark Carr, Lauren Peterson, Eddie Bernhardson, Erik Jones, Roger Ellefson, E. Robert Olson, Curtis Nelson, and John Hanson.

7:15 PM – Welcome and Introductions – Watershed Description and History - Bruce Albright - District Administrator

Bruce Albright welcomed everyone to the meeting. He had everyone in attendance introduce themselves. He discussed the planning process and gave a brief description of the citizen advisory committee and the technical advisory committee. He also gave a description and history of the District.

7:30 PM – Buffalo-Red River Watershed District – Hydrology 101 – Erik Jones –District Engineer

Erik Jones distributed a handout titled “BRRWD Hydrology and Hydraulics Summary” dated February 26, 2007. He then went through the handout and gave an overview of the hydrological characteristics of the District. This included a description of recent flood events, locations of gauging stations, and a discussion of the early, middle and late flood contribution areas. He also went over the hydrology model and summarized various studies on the timing of recent events.

7:55 PM – Planning Process, Meeting Purpose, Ground Rules, Roles of the CAC and TAC – Brian Dwight – Board of Water and Soil Resources

Brian Dwight gave a PowerPoint presentation on the comprehensive watershed planning process. He discussed the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (RRBFDRWG) Agreement, which produced the current planning requirements. He encouraged the CAC and TAC members to stay involved and active in the planning process. He also discussed the role of the advisory committees relative to the Board of Managers and the project team.

8:25 PM – Phase 1 work, Planning Schedules and Introduction to the planning regions and FDR Issues - Mark D. Aanenson – Houston Engineering

Mark Aanenson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the plan update work that has been completed so far. He went over the establishment of the planning regions, the data and GIS mapping that has been completed, the updated project list and map, and the District Website. He also went over the problem areas identified by planning region and the problem area map. He reviewed the information sheet that was handed out prior to the meeting regarding mailing lists and email addresses. Two handouts were also reviewed. They included one showing the planning structure relative to the planning team, CAC and TAC committees and regional committees, the other was a Gantt chart showing the planning schedule.

8:55 PM – Natural Resource Enhancement Opportunities – Henry VanOffelen – Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

Henry VanOffelen gave a PowerPoint presentation on the natural resource (NR) assessment work that he has completed in the District as part of the plan update process. He discussed the goals of the NR effort. They include the identification of opportunities for projects that will result in both natural resource goals as well as flood damage reduction goals. They also include the avoidance of future conflicts between natural resource and flood damage reduction projects. He also outlined the approach that was used to conduct the NR work, which consisted of the use of GIS data, consultation with local technical staff, and the presentation of products to citizen and technical advisory committees involved in watershed plan updates. He also reviewed maps that identified priority landscapes for various resource restoration activities and showed examples of goals and objectives relative to natural resource enhancement.

9:15 PM – Overall Goals, Survey Forms and Expectations for the Next Meeting — Bruce Albright - District Administrator

Bruce thanked everyone for attending the meeting and discussed the next scheduled meeting. He also discussed the survey form, and asked if members could fill one out and bring it to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.