

Flute Reed Partnership Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2008

Present: Chel Anderson, Dave Stark, Roger Haertel and Rick Schubert

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm

Minutes from February approved

Treasurer Report: \$348.00 in our checking account

Membership: We're up to 17 paid members! But we're still accepting new members! Our goal this year is 25.

Old Business:

We discussed the draft letter that we will be sending the first part of April to everyone in the watershed announcing our classes and tree planting project. Some changes and improvements were made.

Tree planting project May 10 and May 17:

1,000 trees are ordered. Total project cost is about \$3,000 if we don't use any t-posts. About \$1,000 is funded. **Rick is working on funding & is very open to suggestions and donations!!** We discussed transportation for the fencing to get it up here. Roger is going to get some freight estimates. We agreed to limit the volunteers to 14 years or older because that is the requirement of our insurance coverage.

Our Surface Water Assessment Grant is finalized – signed by MPCA and FRP. Effective 3/20/08.

Water Monitoring Training Session on 3/24 went very well. 9 am – 3 pm. Attended by Brian Fredrickson, Kirstin Swenson, Jenny Magyar, Joel Peterson, all from the MPCA, Dave Stark, our consultant, Courtney Kowalczak & Erica from Minnesota Waters and Dick Betz & Rick Schubert from FRP. Thanks to all who helped train us!

We discussed our Water Monitoring Plan at some length. Covered the grant requirements, temperature probes, CSMP (Citizens Stream Monitoring Program), etc.

Rick reviewed his discussion with Steve Persons, DNR Fishery. DNR Fisheries did a major stream assessment on the Flute Reed in 2007 and their draft report is available.

Shae Kosmalski, Cook County Highway Engineer, did not return Rick's phone message or email asking if we could get together to introduce our group and discuss our plans. We assume she is busy getting started in her new position. Hopefully we can meet in the future.

Next meeting: Monday, April 28. Paul Sandstrom, Laurentian RC&D Coordinator, is coming up from Duluth to talk with us about his experiences on the North Shore rivers and Flute Reed in particular. Paul has been working up here a long time and offers a treasure of knowledge.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm