

Flute Reed Partnership Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2008

Present: Dick Betz, Rick Schubert, Chel Anderson, Roger Haertel, Richard Olson, Al Taenzer, & Glenn Gilyard

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm

Minutes from last meeting not reviewed

Announcement from Rick: The FRP has been awarded "Minnesota Waters' Citizen Monitoring Program of the Year for 2008"! We were nominated by Brian Fredrickson. The award of \$1000 will be presented in St. Paul in August and includes 2 dinner reservations on the paddleboat Betsey Northrup. Rick will try to attend for us.

A meeting at the bridge had been scheduled for last week but was canceled via e-mail the evening prior to the meeting. Everyone did not get the word and Roger, Richard, and Bill Lane met at the bridge. Richard Olson had major damage to his property due to the water coming down the ditch of the Arrowhead trail including river bank damage where the water flowed into the Flute Reed. Roger's opinion was that maybe 50% of the damage at the bridge was due to water from the Arrowhead Trail. There are 3 culverts running west to east under the Arrowhead Trail but they cannot handle the volume; blockage was not the problem. The consensus appeared to be that work at the bridge site should only proceed after the Arrowhead Trail water problem is addressed. It should be noted that the water of the Arrowhead Trail is from a different watershed which brings up the question of routing it to the Flute Reed Watershed. Richard will pursue his property problem with Shea and the FRP should reschedule the bridge meeting.

Treasures Report: \$128.88 in checking account: includes \$92.16 from Rick which is the balance from the \$5000 MPCA grant last year. Rick has provided a list of expenditures for FRP business totaling \$4907.84

Business:

1. The grant: Work is progressing under the grant; the only problem is the slowness of payments to the FRP so we can pay the bills. There was considerable discussion concerning Rick's activities since he is being paid for services by the FRP. Is Rick's work as an independent contractor or an FRP employee? The bylaws state that a Board member cannot be employed by the FRP. One recommendation was that Rick resign his Board position and perform the grant duties as an independent contractor. This issue needs pursuing and resolution.
2. 2009 tree planting; do less white pine and more spruce. Start earlier in rounding up planting areas and try to involve more land owners. Get some testimonials from this years planting.
3. Brochure; this is the last day of the fiscal year and hopefully we can get some help with funding publication in the next month or so.

4. Capping well; the order has been let to Mckeever and hopefully it will get done in a month or so.
5. New ideas; Mark Adams recommended using cardboard or newspaper around the base of seedlings to stop weed growth.
6. Trail seminar; 12 attendees at the Trail Making class; better than inn Grand Marais. The next class is tree/shrub identification July 10 at the church in Hovland.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm