

Flute Reed Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2011

Attending: Virginia Hahn, Dusty Nelms, Richard Olson &
Rick Schubert

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Rick summarized his two phone calls with Jan Hall. In between those calls Jan met with David Betts, Cook Co Hwy Engineer. Assuming the culverts on Otis Creek at Stonegate Road are upgraded, either with GLRI funds or a SWCD grant, she supports a hydrology study followed by upgrading the Otis Creek culvert at the Arrowhead Trail both with the GLRI funds.

Rick explained his decision to decline any compensation associated with his work on these GLRI projects. We are going to leave \$2,500 in the GLRI work plan to cover FRP expenses. The balance of that compensation money will be added to the contractor we hire.

The FRP will advertise on Boreal and at the Hovland Post Office for the consultant firm we will hire to help us manage and implement the GLRI grants. Virginia will put it up on Boreal and Rick at the Post Office. Applications must be in by 1/31/2011 and will we then decide on the best firm.

Rick will contact Bruce Blackburn about his law firm reviewing our MPCA contract and our contract with our consultant. If that doesn't work out, Richard will help find another lawyer.

Richard made a motion to appoint Rick as the FRP volunteer project facilitator for the GLRI projects. Virginia seconded. The vote was 3-0 to pass the motion. Rick did not vote.

We talked about holding our first GLRI community meeting. The purpose will be to inform the Hovland community about these three projects and seek their input and suggestions. It will be in an open house format running from 5-7pm. The date will be either March 17 or second choice is March 10. Richard will lead the meeting planning and Virginia the refreshments.

Rick will get out a press release ASAP to update our progress.

We discussed our tree planting for this spring. We have a \$6,000 US Fish & Wildlife Service grant to help pay for our trees and fencing. Rick will order the trees in Feb. May 14 and May 21 are the probable planting dates. We will again send out a letter to all property owners in the watershed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
Minutes by Richard Olson & Rick Schubert

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GLRI - Great Lakes Restoration Initiative □ MPCA - Minnesota
Pollution Control Agency

SWCD - Soil & Water Conservation District