Members Present: Jeremy Holtz, Dan Eklund, Curtis Rollman, Gary Zimmer, Callie Berstch, Scott Walters, Matt St. Pierre, Chris Borden, Amber Roth

Agenda

10:00 am    Additions to agenda

- Financial Update

10:05 am    Approve minutes from last SC meeting

- Dan Eklund moved to approve minutes
  o Scott Walters seconded
  o Steering Committee carried

10:10 am    Executive Committee Vice-chairperson Election

- Scott Walters nominated through email.
- No other nominations heard.
- Dan Eklund moved to elect Scott Walters as Vice-chairperson.
  o Gary Zimmer seconded
  o Steering Committee carried
- Term until elections in April

10:30 am    Personnel Subcommittee Report—update on Habitat Coordinator position

- ABC will no longer house the WYFP coordinator
- Callie Berstch’s position will now be focused on RCPP
  o Callie will continue working with landowners and young forest. Not a lot will change from the WYFP perspective.
  o Will work with new ABC forester (starting Sept 14th)
- NRCS will continue to house Callie’s position and the new ABC forester
  o NRCS is open to requests to house a “new” WYFP coordinator
- Gary Zimmer asked how to record accomplishments going forward
  o ABC and NRCS will continue moving forward on the RCPP with the match from the partners.
- RCPP and NFWF status’ are yet to be determined after the change of the WYFP coordinator.
- Financial report from grants
  - Financial specifics have not been communicated to the financial chair.
- Some partners now have concerns on their match not being used for the partnership.
  - It is up to each partner to determine what to do now with their match.
    - If match is pulled the project may cease to exist and end the good work of “on the ground” habitat.
- Dan Eklund moved for Scott Walter to meet with Craig Thompson to discuss relationship going forward.
  - Gary Zimmer seconded
  - Steering Committee carried
- Partners need to give the steering committee their contributed match totals for the Scott Walters and Craig Thompson meeting.
- Forest Service gave match to help progress the young forest idea.
  - They may reconsider their match if that goal is no longer being accomplished.
- Steering committee thoughts on a new coordinator
  - Morph DNR LTE position into the new WYFP coordinator?
    - Roughly $50,000 per year
  - New WMI representative as the new WYFP coordinator?
- Post-October 1st coordination
  - Jeremy Holtz and Curt Rollman will take over the coordination duties in the interim.
- A database is needed for all the landowners working in the partnership!
  - Curt Rollman and Jeremy Holtz are working through Jeremy’s first 3 years of work.
  - Curt Rollman and Callie Berstch are working through the last year of work.
  - The database should be as real time as possible to see where landowners are in the process.
    - Need to see if they “fall out” of one funding source so they can be steered for other funding sources.
    - Need to see when they need the next “round” of work.

10:50 am Outreach Subcommittee Report

- Folder, DVD, and brochure are all complete.
  - Thanks to all partners who made it happen!
    - USFWS, RGS, and SFI funds
- The goal of the folder/brochure is to help convince landowners that are on the fence about timber management.
- Landowner testimonials are coming for the website.
  - Chuck Fergus will be interviewing landowners in late September.
  - Very happy landowners out there!
- Amber Roth printing more GWWA BMPs.
• Steering committee exploring options on a woodcock informational packet or brochure.
  o Minnesota has a good example to follow.
  o Discussion to continue in outreach subcommittee.
• Amber Roth will be outreach chair until SFI grants are done.
• Outreach for the 21 counties can come from the RCPP.
• Outreach for the 6 counties can come from the DNR.
• Gary Zimmer moved to make Scott Walter outreach subcommittee chair.
  o Dan Eklund seconded
  o Steering committee carried
• Curt Rollman and Jeremy Holtz will take over the partnership communication after Amber Roth leaves.
  o September 30th
• Personnel subcommittee not time effective with only one “employee” in the partnership.
  o Dan Eklund moved to suspend the personnel subcommittee.
    ▪ Amber Roth seconded
    ▪ Steering committee carried

11:00 am Partnership meeting agenda and logistics for Sept 21

• Will be a lync meeting
  o Lync difficulties during today’s steering committee meeting.
  o Lync will need some streamlining before the meeting.
• Informal mixer the night before the meeting.
  ▪ Lodging at the Amercinn (honors government rate)
• Monday Tentative agenda
  o Accomplishment reporting
    ▪ Progress and successes
  o Discussion on plan for coordinator going forward
  o Discussion on other resource needs for the partnership
    ▪ White paper discussions
  o Afternoon field tour
    ▪ 2 properties selected
    ▪ Aspen and alder represented well.
    ▪ Varying funding sources and contractors.

Noon Adjourn

• Jeremy moved to adjourn @ 11:54
  o Dan Eklund seconded
  o Steering committee carried