

NPS Pollution Task Force Meeting Minutes December 8, 2020

The meeting was conducted virtually due to COVID and called to order by Karl Rockeman at 9:04 a.m.

Attendee role call was taken. See attached attendee list.

Karl Rockeman asked for any corrections to the December 12, 2019, Task Force meeting minutes provided to all members prior to the meeting. Lorraine Manz made a motion to approve the December 12, 2019, meeting minutes, as written. Ted Preister seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Greg Sandness provided an overview of the FY21 project proposal review process. He said all the project sponsors were in attendance and would be providing 15-minute presentations on their projects. Each presentation would also include time for Task Force questions. The following FY21 projects were presented and discussed:

- ND Project WET
- Livestock Pollution Prevention Program - Phase IX
- Sheyenne River PTMApp Project (Ransom Co.)
- Microbiome Management for Improved Nutrient Use Efficiency and Water Quality
- Wild Rice River PTMApp Prioritization and Implementation Project
- ND Soil Conservation District Area Leadership Coordinator Program
- Maple River Watershed – Phase II
- Wells Co. Water Quality Education and Outreach Project
- Park River Watershed

Since the meeting was ahead of schedule, after the presentations the Task Force moved right into discussions focused on the strengths/weaknesses of each project. Greg indicated this was the opportunity for the Task Force members to provide direct input on the merits of each project; ask NDDEQ staff additional questions; and recommend revisions to improve the final project implementation plans. The Task Force members had several questions for NDDEQ staff and suggested revisions for most of the project proposals.

Greg reminded the Task Force to hand-in their evaluation worksheets for each project if they had them complete. Otherwise, he said the worksheets should be mailed to his office by December 21st. He said all feedback received from the Task Force would be compiled and sent to the appropriate project sponsors to assist them in completing the final project implementation plan for their project.

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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