

NFCRWD CAC

Quarterly Meeting

March 12, 2018

Attendees:

CAC Members: Susan Eyre, Ken Hess, Peter Jacobson, David Johnson, Larry Ladwig, Roger Lyon, Tommy Weber, Shari Heitke

NFCRWD Staff: Chris Lundeen, Cris Skanard

NRCRWD Board Members: Gary Berndt

Ex Officio: David Green, Pope County, John Maile, DNR, Terry Schaefer, Kandiyohi SWCD Board

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Lyon at 10:05AM

2018 CAC elections were presided over by Tommy Weber.

Motion was made by Larry Ladwig, seconded by Ken Hess and approved unanimously to have Roger Lyon, Tommy Weber and Shari Heitke continue as president, vice-president, and secretary.

Secretary's Report from 12/11/2017 was reviewed, Larry Ladwig was added to those attending Motion to approve as amended by Ken Hess, seconded by Larry Ladwig, and approved unanimously

Open Discussion: A lengthy discussion took place. Requests were made to address the hot spots that have been identified. Caution was also expressed that projects are costly and that change in water quality takes time. There was also a request that the good things that do get done are communicated to the group.

NFCRWD Staff Updates:

Cris Skonard:

One Plan, One Watershed is moving forward. There is an open meeting March 27th at NFCR office in Brooten from 6:00-7:00PM.

Chris Lundeen:

There will be an interactive map monitoring data.

An intern has been hired for next summer, it is hoped that he will do some door to door work contacting land owners for potential projects.

AIS inspection is set up and LAMB will be doing the hiring.

Story Map will be used to get basic information out

Stearns Farmer's Fair was last week with good attendance. The option of using cover crops was presented.

CAC Member Updates:

Lake Associations:

On Lake Koronis, pre and post testing is being done on treated areas. A harvester has been acquired to keep lake accesses open.

It appears that the AIS in Lake Sylvia was caught early and has been effective.

AIS on Grand Lake may have been illuminated.

Rice Lake will be facing increased restrictions.

Producers:

Updates as needed

Local Agencies:

David Green feels allowing cover crops will provide incentive to move forward.

John Maile thinks word of mouth is the most effective way to interest producers.

Drones are effective, but there must be a balance between quick access and privacy.

2018 CAC Focus: Covered earlier.

A request was made for a presentation from fisheries.

Next CAC: June 11, 2018 at 10:00AM

Motion to adjourn by Ken Hess, seconded by Larry Ladwig and approved unanimously at 12:02PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Heitke