

Present: Hall, Horlacher, Schirm, J. Howard, D. Howard, Schirman, Justin (NRCS), T. Breugman

Open: 17:30

Minutes approved

Schirman: Tom, have you heard anything new from the state.

Schirm: Some new information regarding Priority Habitat Species (PHS). A new database is being created, which is intended to be state-of-the-art. WW Co. is up for another review.

Schirman: At end of meeting, we'll discuss a schedule for completing the program by July, '18.

Brigham: Hope everyone got a synopsis of October's changes.

Discussion and review of Ch. 3 changes.

Brigham: Any issues with pages 9-12?

Schirman: Page 10, first sentence-Is productivity the correct term? M. Hall says that the rest of the sentence clears up any ambiguity. No changes desired.

Some edits to "Strengths & Weaknesses" table.

Brigham: Can we go on to Ch. 4? (Affirmative).

Brigham: There have been some changes since this was sent out, from NRCS and Conservation Dist.

Schirman: Strike "major role" in first sentence with "are key to". 2nd sentence-

_ Can you explain "functions and value" graphic?

_ Brigham: This is something that is in every plan so far. The tech panel looks for this in all plans.

Schirman: Third line, replace "adopted" with "developed."

In Table 4-1-replace "reduces soil disturbance" with "maintains and improves soils structure to minimize wind and water erosion" Discussion of

"water availability" as different tillage types will reduce surface water for wildlife. Pest Mgmt.-Use "pesticide choice to minimize impact to surface and ground water". Description-"managing pesticide use to minimize environmental impact."

Table should use "official" terminology and phraseology.

Breugman: Are there many producers using cover crops?

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Edits to third paragraph.

Schedule changes: Follow proposed schedule, with start time at 1:00 pm during winter.

Adjourn at 6:55