

Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program

Meeting Minutes

July 19th, 2018

I. Call to order

Roland Schirman called to order the special meeting of the Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program at 7:02 PM July 19th, 2018.

II. Attendance

Meagan Bailey, Dena Martin, Don Brigham, Roland Schirman, Terry Bruegman, Don Howard, Tom Schirm, Justin Pearson, Marty Hall, and Norm Passmore.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

None.

IV. Agenda item

A. Final review of Draft Work Plan prior to final submission to the State.

- i. Brigham gave an overview of the comments received following the June 19th, 2018 State Tech Panel presentation.
 - a. The State Tech Panel made 44 comments on the Draft Work Plan, submitted on June 19th. Only comments that do not meet requirements must be addressed. Some comments met requirements, but requested/suggested clarification or additional information.
 - b. Conservation District and Planning Department staff met with Brigham on July 13 to address tech panel comments line-by-line. Brigham incorporated the updates and brought the updated Plan for review.
 - c. One-fourth to one-third of the comments were based on the fact that the ISP survey was not included in the plan. It has since been added to the plan.
 - d. At the July 13 meeting, it was agreed to use 20% ag producer enrollment as an initial goal. The 20% figure is consistent throughout the plan.
 - e. Brigham will present the Work Plan to the State for acceptance on July 27 and will share the outcome with the work group immediately after.
- ii. Work group discussion of State Tech Panel comments and final edits.
 - a. The work group requested the following edits:

- i. List Columbia County Planning first and the Conservation District second when describing who will be responsible for administering VSP post-adoption. (p. 4)
 - ii. Spell out “geologically hazardous areas” to replace the acronym GHA. (p. 15)
 - iii. Edit final sentence in paragraph 1, page 74 to read, “The Work Group will establish a numeric operator goal which will be determined after two years in the program.”
 - iv. Change cover photos in ISP survey to photos taken in Columbia County.
 - v. Work group approved Work Plan for State submission.
- B. Brigham will present the final plan to the State on July 27 and share the outcome immediately following.
- C. Schirman will set the date for a work group project completion party in mid-to-late September.

V. Adjournment

Schirman adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Dena Martin