

Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program

Meeting Minutes

June 7th, 2018

I. Call to order

Roland Schirman called to order the regular meeting of the Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program at 7:04 PM June 7th, 2018.

II. Attendance

Meagan Bailey, Dena Martin, Don Brigham, Roland Schirman, Terry Bruegman, Don Howard, Janet Howard, Tom Schirm, and Norm Passmore.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as is.

IV. Agenda items

A. General Concerns and/or Issues

- i. No concerns or issues stated.

B. Update from State VSP

- i. Brigham provided an update on the upcoming June 19 formal plan presentation to the State Tech Panel. Columbia County is first on the agenda for the day.
- ii. Brigham said all counties, thus far, have received a list of suggestions from the panel. He suggested a VSP meeting in early July to go over the suggestions and make corresponding edits prior to plan adoption, which should take place toward the end of July.

C. Individual Stewardship Plan Questionnaire Review

- i. The work group reviewed four Individual Stewardship Plan survey options; two longer surveys and two one-page surveys.
- ii. The work group narrowed the options down to two finalists; a one-page survey, and a longer survey.
- iii. The work group discussed possible edits to the surveys. A subcommittee consisting of Bailey, Bruegman, and Schirman will meet to edit and refine the two finalist surveys. Bailey will coordinate subcommittee meetings.

- iv. Once edited, the VSP interest list will be used to beta test the surveys on users to determine which is preferred and/or receives the most responses.

D. Monitoring and Implementation Discussion

- i. Brigham, Bailey, and Bruegman met prior to the regular work group meeting to discuss monitoring and implementation. Bruegman gave a brief update on that meeting.
- ii. If funds are available, the Planning Department will remain lead agency and will continue to work with the Conservation District through use of an interlocal agreement.
- iii. Bruegman said this arrangement would maintain continuity. Both entities have a good working relationship and it is in the best interest of the program for both parties to remain involved.

V. Adjournment

Schirman adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Next meeting: Work group should meet in early July. Date and location to be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Dena Martin