

Lake Mitchell
Technical Advisory Team
Wednesday, June 7, 2017

8:00-9:00am - Rec Center Conference Room (1300 N. Main, Mitchell, SD)

1. Roll Call

2. Call To Order

3. Approval Of Minutes

Documents:

[TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM 4-27-17 MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. Public Input

5. Old Items

6. Agenda Items

A. Water Quality Observations

B. WAC In The CBP Process

C. FYRA Progress Update

D. WAC Tasks Identified To Date - Public Opportunities To Spread The Project Message?

E. TAT Activities - Lake Piezometer, Water Quality Sampling?

F. Grant For Watershed Coordinator

G. Next Steps

Draft Technical Advisory Team Minutes

Thursday, April 27, 2017 Rec Center Conference Room

Present: Mayor Toomey, Jeff Vander Wilt, Dwight Scott, Tim McGannon, Kevin Erdmann, Dr. Paula Mazzer, Mike Blaalid, Julie Olson, Becky Pitz, Steve Donovan, Nate Powell, Steve Roth

Meeting started at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Becky Pitz, Second Tim McGannon to approve the March 7, 2017 Technical Advisory Team Minutes as submitted. Motion approved.

Agenda Items

Election of Officers – Motion Jeff Vander Wilt, Second Tim McGannon to nominate Mike Blaalid as Chairman of the Technical Advisory Team. Motion approved. Motion Time McGannon, Second Dwight Scott to nominate Brian Temple as Vice-Chairman of the Technical Advisory Team. Brian Temple was not present at the meeting but expressed through an email that he would be open to the Vice-Chairman nomination. The Vice-Chairman position acceptance will be moved to the next meeting when Brian Temple is present to official accept the position.

Mayor Toomey thanked Jeff Vander Wilt for his presentation to the Lake Mitchell Advisory Committee on the EQIP, NWQI and CSP programs and invited Jeff to make a presentation on the various programs to the City Council on May 15th, Jeff accepted the invitation. Also, the Mayor made a request that at least quarterly the Chairman for the WAC & TAT committees attend a meeting of the opposite committee so they may update each committee on the activities of the other.

Vision – The Lake Mitchell Watershed will be innovatively and economically managed and locally controlled to benefit the needs of landowners, agriculture, recreation and water quality. This watershed will serve as a lasting example to improve the quality of life in our community.

Committee Role – The TECHNICAL Advisory Team will take a leadership role to suggest and review solutions to improve Lake Mitchell prior to implementation, and seek out grants and other funding opportunities. All solutions will be submitted to FYRA for review.

Nate Powell gave an overview of the first official WAC meeting and what their committee roll will be. Also, he noted that the WAC committee would like to develop a list of landowners, programs available to landowners and funding amounts for the various programs as well as potentially having a tradeshow for the landowners.

Mike Blaalid inquired as to the timeline to have all information to Fyra, the Mayor stated it would be late fall. Tim McGannon explained the Governor's Plan for tax dollar relief through a buffer program and encouraged reaching out and contacting Jim Feeney, Division Director Financial & Technical Assistance with SD Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources, for more information.

The members of TAT held a lengthy discussion on the following items as well as concerns:

- Jeff Vander Wilt would like to provide new informational materials for any mailings or trade show and felt that there could be possible funds available from different groups to help with costs of the tradeshow or mailers.
- Dwight Scoot expressed his concern on sending out a letter as it takes a personal touch to build a personal relationship with landowners and a tradeshow would be helpful and suggested maybe utilizing the Camp Arroya area and shelter for the tradeshow. After some discussion it was decided to utilize Camp Arroya on July 8th for the tradeshow.
- Mayor Toomey noted getting various organizations as well as seed and agronomy salesmen involved with the tradeshow would be beneficial to providing quality information to landowners.
- Tim McGannon noted Jim Feeney would be a good source to bring in a speaker at the tradeshow.
- Discussion took place on various programs and funding available, it was noted that there is a Conservation Collaboration Grant available with a deadline of May 25th or 26th, which could help fund a watershed coordinator position and could potential partner with the City. Jeff Vander Wilt stated he would get the information together for this Grant and submit it to the Mayor. Nate Powell and Mike Blaalid will work together to get specific questions for this potential position and the Mayor will contact Fyra to find out whom would be the best agency to fill out the grant application. Nate will get the request on the May 15th council agenda for the application of the grant.
- Becky Pitz stated she would bring the data history sheets for Poet's water testing and what exactly they all test for.
- Dr. Mazzer noted that it is vital to get information on the website and even out to the media on water quality and testing results. Mike Blaalid stated he would reach out to the Daily Republic.
- Tim McGannon stated Friends of the Big Sioux is a good source to review for getting information out to the public.
- Julie Olson inquired into when water quality testing will begin, Steve Roth stated microcystin testing will begin in May. Julie noted with the length of time it takes to get test results back they City may want to consider doing what her class does by using Abraxis Strip Tests, which provide an immediate estimate of microcystin levels present within a body of water.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m., noting Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 8:00 am as the next TAT meeting date.

Submitted by: Angel DeWaard