

Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program

Meeting Minutes

March 28th, 2018

I. Call to order

Roland Schirman called to order the regular meeting of the Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program at 1:33 PM March 28, 2018.

II. Attendance

Meagan Bailey, Dena Martin, Don Brigham, Roland Schirman, Tom Schirm, Justin Pearson, Don Howard, Janet Howard, Marty Hall.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as is.

IV. Agenda items

A. General Concerns and/or Issues

- i. None presented.

B. Update from State VSP

- i. Brigham presented the Columbia County VSP timeline from beginning to present. Brigham will present the draft Work Plan to the tech panel for informal review on April 13th, 2018 to receive initial feedback. He will give the formal plan presentation in late June and resulting tech panel comments are expected back in early July. A second presentation and, hopefully, adoption will take place at the end of July. Implementation may begin any time following adoption.
- ii. Brigham asked if the committee saw a need for a second public meeting prior to submittal of the Work Plan as no public attended the March 22 public meeting. Brigham said that it has been typical for other groups have no public comments. The committee agreed that a second public meeting attempt was unnecessary.
- iii. Brigham said State Tech Panel member Kelly McLain agreed to review the updated enhancements chart, incorporating the “<” symbol, but hasn’t returned comments yet.

C. Public Open House on March 22nd, 2018 @ 7pm

- i. Brigham reported that there was no attendance at the Open House.
- ii. Public notices had been placed in the newspapers, at the Planning Office, and on the County website, and an article ran in The Times to promote the meeting. Committee feels outreach attempts were sufficient.

D. Review of Benchmarks – Tables 5-4 and 5-5

- i. Reviewed and approved updated tables.

E. Review of Chapter 5 and 6 Revisions

- i. Reviewed proposed edits to Chapters 5 and 6. Suggested minor edits to be incorporated by Brigham.

F. Discussion of Individual Stewardship Plans

- i. Reviewed several survey template options.
- ii. Discussed how to get surveys into the hands of potential participants. Pearson said they could be kept in the Conservation District office as well as other local agencies such as FSA.
- iii. Brigham said there was funding for a mailing if that would be beneficial. Bailey suggested sending surveys to residents of unincorporated Columbia County. Schirman suggested using the Weed Board mailing list.
- iv. Discussed having a presence at the Columbia County Fair in September.

G. Discussed need for April 11, 2018 meeting. Brigham will compile the Draft Work Plan into one document and distribute to committee members for review by April 9. After reviewing the document, the committee will determine if there is a need for an April 11 meeting. Members should contact Brigham with comments.

V. Adjournment

Roland Schirman adjourned the meeting at 2:28 PM.

Next meeting: Tentatively scheduled for April 11, 2018 @ 1:30PM in the Delany Building, to be verified by April 10, 2018.

Minutes submitted by: Dena Martin