

# ***Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

July 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 State Tech Panel presentation.
  - a. The State Tech Panel made 44 comments on the Draft Work Plan, submitted on June 19<sup>th</sup>. 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