

North Shore Management Board
 Thursday, October 15, 2009 7 PM
 Silver Bay Council Chambers
 Minutes

Attendee	Representing		Absentees	Representing
Bob Fenwick	Cook County		Rich Sve	Lake County
Mike Hoops	Town of Silver Creek		Jan Sivertson	City of Grand Marais
Tim Musick	Town of Lakewood		Mark Russell	City of Beaver Bay
Andy Hubley	ARDC		Mary Rosati	City of Two Harbors
Liz Sarabia	ARDC		Dave Mount	Duluth Township
Cliff Bentley	DNR		Norm Deschampe	Grand Portage
			Matt Huddleston	Lake County
Excused0			Tim Nelson	Cook County
Peg Sweeney	St. Louis County		Mike Peloquin	DNR
Scott Johnson	City of Silver Bay		Pat Collins	DNR
Clint Little	DNR		Kara Kent	ARDC

1: Welcome and Committee Business

- a. The meeting was called to order by Andy Hubley at 7:10 PM after waiting for further attendees.
- b. Introductions included the announcement of the resignation of Ben Van Tassel and the division of his duties between Andy Hubley and Liz Sarabia. Andy will deal with the proposals, activities, etc. while Liz will handle the administration duties such as meeting arrangements, notices, etc.
- c. Approval of the Agenda - those present accepted the revised agenda with some additional items of discussion, but it was not approved by quorum
- d. Approval of the July 16, 2009 meeting minutes was delayed until a quorum could be present
- e. Correspondence - none was available; only one item was received since the last meeting
- f. Approval of invoices was delayed until a quorum could be present
- g. Public Comments - none reported
- h. TAC Meeting Report - the minutes were included in the meeting packet.

2. Implementation Update

Andy Hubley presented the group with an overview of the implementation process to date for the NSMP. He reported that most entities are completing the implementation; however, there are situations where exceptions have been made and those items need to be addressed. Silver Bay is nearly implemented while Two Harbors isn't able to proceed due to a lawsuit; Lake and Cook Counties are fully implemented but there are exceptions also.

3. North Shore Management Plan

The suggested next steps would be 1) tweaking the plan or 2) do a complete rewrite. Discussion followed regarding some of the terminology inconsistencies that are still being reviewed. Also, that the DNR shoreline rewrite is happening this year and it is unclear what the effect will be on the plan. It is possible that the new rules could be used and adjusted to Lake Superior shoreline. This will be dependent upon how closely the rules are to the plan, possibly could be near to match. Funding for this work could be through the

Clean Water Legacy or through the PCA though that option would require close monitoring. Further discussion concerned the process of rewriting the plan with citizen input but advisement of TAC members; could take another 1.5 years.

4. Land Use/Projects Discussion

Not much was discussed at the TAC meeting. Most agreed that the downturn has been due to the economic slowdown. Some areas are not having planning meetings due to the lack of requests for permits.

5. GIS Update

The North Shore GIS Collaborative has received good feedback as there is a lot of interest for this data especially from smaller towns.

In order to keep the momentum for this project, Andy Hubley suggested asking for a coastal grant and a STAR grant; the current grant will expire in December. Beaver Bay has already begun working on its parcels. The STAR grant would be written for \$5,000 with a \$5,000 match which would have to be found since match monies this year were used for the NS Obliques.

Discussion continued regarding the role of ARDC as a repository for inter-jurisdictional GIS data. This data is becoming less administratively directed but defined more by watersheds. It is this crossover which makes it become a regional project.

6. Action Memo and Other Items

Jim Wiinanen, Emergency Management Director for Cook County, contacted Andy Hubley regarding an application to FEMA for low water supply sprinklers. He was requesting a letter of support from the North Shore Management Board that would “support this grant request and acknowledge no harm to the landscape or waters with these sprinkler systems.” After presenting a draft to NSMB TAC members on October 8, the members recommended that Jim Wiinanen contact Cliff Bentley with the DNR and that the draft letter be changed. Attached to these minutes is the changed draft letter of support. Discussion followed about various sprinkler systems that are currently in use in low water areas, their effectiveness, etc.

Andy Hubley stated that he would do further research on match funding (refer to item 5, GIS Update), for the collaborative momentum since there wasn't a quorum.

It was suggested that a web meeting would be set up so that business can be reviewed and votes taken. The suggestion of a joint TAC and Board meeting in January or April to be held in Grand Marais was put forth. The meeting would possibly have a lunch, tours or other events.