

ZWP "informal meeting" on August 26, 2009
5 to 6 p.m. at the Oronoco Community Center

ATTENDEES: Andy Hart, Katie Dudley, Ron Fuller, Al Atkins, Kyle Ketterling, Judy Ohly

The ZWP has been invited to present to the LCCMR Committee in St Paul on October 1, 2009. Judy Ohly will be there as a "background person", hopefully with new ZWP Coordinator. Ron Fuller and Al Atkins are possible additional attendees at this meeting as well. Rich Biske from The Nature Conservancy has been in contact with Kyle Ketterling regarding this event. Kyle will let Rich know that Judy is our current "lead" person on this matter. The title of the grant request is the Lower Mississippi River Habitat Restoration Program. It will essentially buy or lease land for Wildlife Habitat.

A meeting will be held Thursday, August 27 (Human Resources Committee) to:

Screen candidates for the new ZWP Coordinator position (most likely narrow it down to five applicants)

The HR Committee will interview all eligible applicants and will select the 1st choice and a backup-candidate for the ZWP board to review.

There will most likely be half-hour interviews on the same night with a 15 minute break between each interview.

It would be good to have the new coordinator on-board for the October 1 LCCMR fund-grant meeting.

Katie Dudley will check with Jennifer Ronnenberg regarding the following:

Contact info/e-mail database/public relations/press contacts lists

Modifying and updating the ZWP WEBSITE

Check on regularly updating the RED PAGE (needs to be current)

A SWAG Grant work bill should have been paid by the 12th of August, Andy Hart will give this invoice to Paul Baessler on Thursday, August 27.

Kyle has picked up mail and checked for contributions to ZWP at the SWCD office and will continue to do so until the new coordinator is hired.

Kyle picked up the ZWP laptop and gave it to Katie tonight. It turns out the laptop needs to stay at the office to receive weekly updates from the NRCS, so Katie will bring the laptop back on Thursday, August 27.

FALL FOLIAGE FUN FLOAT - OCTOBER 3 OR OCTOBER 10

Kyle will have food available (burgers/brats/potato salad....SIMPLE lunch)

Kyle is looking for live bands to play that day

Event will be held from 11 AM - 5 PM with FREE PONTOON RIDES (need to advertise for pontoons/drivers who are on Lake Zumbro)

WE LIKELY WILL NEED JENNIFER to "orient" new coordinator, get us up to speed on what we ought to be doing as follow-up to her departure. ZWP may need to "hire" Jennifer to come back, support us / help us meet unfinished (even new) business. This will be discussed further at the September board meeting.

Ron Fuller will contact the stream monitor program to let them know about the stream monitor that turned in their equipment to the SWCD office. That person was moving, so will not be available as a stream monitor anymore.

Katie will check with Skip Langer, SWCD, to see if he has the contact information from the Olmsted County Fair. Did anything get displayed at the Goodhue or Wabasha County fairs?

Terry Klampe's father and Chris Bowron's father recently passed away. We took a few minutes to honor their "dads" at tonight's meeting.

The next ZWP Board Meeting - SEPTEMBER 10th is in ROCHESTER at SILVER LAKE PARK at the east pavilion.

Kyle will confirm "speaker" (possibly on emerald ash borers with Jacob Ryg-Rochester city forester at 8:00) and get speaker info, topic, etc.

Judy Ohly will present a brief presentation on the "ZWP History and Current Projects"

Al Atkins will set up publicity for the meeting

It is being held in Rochester to increase interest in Rochester residents