

Lake Mitchell
Watershed Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, June 7, 2017

4:00 - 5:00 pm - Rec Center Conference Room (1300 N. Main, Mitchell, SD)

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval Of Minutes

Documents:

[WAC 4-26-17 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 Watershed Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 Mitchell Rec Center Conference Room

Present: Mayor Toomey, Colin Kirkegaard, Mark Puetz, Jeff Burg, Kevin Thurman, Dave Bartel, Justin Thiesse, Darron Werkmeister, Loren Van Overschelde, Nate Powell, Steve Roth
Even Hendershot Daily Republic

Meeting started 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Toomey addressed the Committee on what he sees as their roll, which entails education and public input, emphasizing the need for transparency. Also, it was noted that the City Administrator would be handling the communication between the Committee and the media.

Motion Jeff Burg, Second Dave Bartel to approve the Minutes from the March 7, 2017 meeting as read. Motion approved.

Public Input

Colin Kirkegaard inquired if Fyra has proposed a way to reduce phosphorous from the watershed. Nate Powell informed the Committee that at this time they have not.

Mark Puetz noted that although homes around the lake do not use septic tanks that there may be septic systems going into new homes constructed across from the lake.

Agenda Items

Election of Officers – The Committee opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the Watershed Advisory Committee. Motion Mark Puetz, Second Darron Werkmeister to nominate Justin Thiesse as Vice-Chairman of the Watershed Advisory Committee. Motion approved. Motion Justin Thiesse, Second Jeff Burg to nominate Mark Puetz as Chairman of the Watershed Advisory Committee. Motion approved.

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 Watershed Advisory Committee will focus on opportunities for nutrient reduction and develop public input and educational tools. Nutrient reduction suggestions will be submitted to TAT for review.

Nate Powell reviewed with the Committee the presentation Jeff Vander Wilt, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs with NRCS gave at the April Lake Mitchell Advisory Committee meeting regarding the National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI); Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP); Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). Also, Nate reviewed Sparrow Analysis map for watershed hotspots as well as a suggestion for a letter to land owners encouraging participation in the NWQI program submitted by Fyra. Several Committee members raised questions on how to obtain a list of landowners in the watershed; what

information would be included in the mailing and how would the mailing be funded. Mayor Toomey noted he would like to develop a fund for the Committee to draw from. Dave Bartel stated it would be wise to increase awareness about conservation plans available to landowners through a public information session. Jeff Burg noted it would be more beneficial to include a list of funding opportunities. Kevin Thurman said finding out what each conservation program would pay out would also prove beneficial in attracting landowners. Dave Bartel said for the City to be successful with its long-term Lake Mitchell restoration project there will need to be a lot of players with pocketbooks to accomplish what the city is trying to accomplish. Landowner Clinton Powell advised the Committee to also consider getting to know the seed and agronomy dealers as those dealers. After much discussion the Committee decided to get a list of all available programs and what the range of funds available with these programs; Establish information sessions for mailer; Establish a list of landowners to contact through a mailing effort. Mark Puetz suggested a trade show-type of informational session for landowners, this would allow various groups an opportunity to have a booth were they can make their pitch individually to landowners. Jeff Burg suggested groups like Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited may be able to help with some funding to support the informational meeting/trade-show.

There being no further business the Committee adjourned at 7:20 p.m., noting Tuesday, May 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. as the date for the next WAC meeting.

Submitted by: Angel DeWaard