

Notes from Teleconference

Dec 7, 2007

Participants:

Bob Ball, Michelle Gross, Scott Crumpecker, Doug Daigle, Karen Scanlon

Agenda:

- Review actions needed from last call
- Review draft agenda
- Make plans for producer meeting

Actions Needed (from Oct. teleconference):

- Karen will send to Pat a link to CTIC's online survey of conservation practices
- Pat will send to Karen a list of meetings and dates in Jan/Feb (dates to avoid for our meeting)
- Pat, Steve and others will look into possible meeting locations for the Jan/Feb event and provide information to Karen
- Karen will draft and distribute an agenda for the Jan/Feb meeting
- Karen will draft and distribute a list of materials to provide to producers prior to the meeting
- Bob will talk with Steve and Betty of the Missouri Environmental Resources Coalition about our project and get their advice about how to present the hypoxia issue to the St Francis Watershed
- Karen will consult with EPA and other contacts to identify data/information about the issue to provide to the watershed

Discussion:

Bob: MERC would do something if asked to, especially if their growers were involved. Now in large EPA grant (large livestock grant). May be identified as sponsor (represent MO corn growers) and will help with awareness and credibility. Steve Taylor is contact, CEO (previously with MO DNR). Betty Wyse (formerly nonpoint coordinator for DNR) also with MERC.

Use NWMC info for packet of information. Ask Dr Scharf for presentation on hypoxia. More well known and better connected with extension in bootheel.

KS to contact Steve Taylor, MERC.

KS call Keith Admire, NWMC.

Doug: task force meeting late Feb '08; coordinating ctte meets Jan

Agenda:

SC: keep to 2 hours, including meal. NOT Friday or Monday. NOT at night. 11am – 1pm.

Michele: agree

SC: participation will depend on how we present it. 10-25 core people. Steve/Michele provide names, we send out letters. Won't have time to call people ahead of time.

Walk in the door with an idea of purpose of meeting

Location: BBQ Strawberries, Holcomb, MO, private room. Central location for north and south parts of watersheds. Order at 11, food at 11:30.

BB: when we invite, stress this is strategy development session for things to come, NOT nutrient workshop, setting stage for ways to reach out to producers. Key outcome is finding out from these producers if best path forward is A, B or something else.

Pre-meeting materials: work with Scott, Michele, Pat and Steve to draft letter that speaks effectively

Select key producers:

Invite neighboring watersheds to workshops to see if they like idea/process and take it home to replicate.

Pre-meeting:

RSVP with lunch. Postage paid return envelope.

DATES: Target Feb 19-21.

Gin show last week of Feb

KS: look at Strawberries web site to ID specials