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Crow Wing County Comprehensive Recreation Trails Plan and High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) Assessment Project

Project Advisory Meeting

Tuesday, March 23rd at 6pm in Meeting Room 2 of the Land Services Building
(322 Laurel Street, Brainerd, MN 56401)

In attendance: Pat McDermott, Linda Lawrie, Roger Bently, Rich Sergot, Len Hardy, Lowell Jaeger, Steve Voss, Bernie Dolcette, Andy Palmet, Daniel Olmschenk, John Reynolds, Greg Buchite, Buck Buchite, Judy Wallschlaeger, Jackie Becker, William Dunham, Greg Larson, Giles Radtke, Dave Clute, Paul Griger, Pete Caspers, Jerry Walters, Gail Brecht*, Mike Carpenter, Joe Cartwright, Brian Hardy, Neal Seliger, Mervin Eisel, Mary Sather, Becky Eckelman, Clement Roden, Bill Leonhardt, Jon Henke, Bill Keefe*, Bob Manning*, Brett Hardy*, Kathy Bernier*, Larry Moses*, Rosemary Franzen*, Russell Heittola*, Shawn Roberts*, Tom Whitehead*, Katie Fernholz**, Bryan Pike***, Kirk Titus***

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Meeting Notes

6 pm Welcome and Introductions

Introduction to the advisory group members:

Allan Stieff	Kathy Bernier	Russell Heittola
Bill Keefe	Larry Moses	Shawn Roberts
Bob Manning	Mary Claire Ryan	Tom Whitehead
Brett Hardy	Paul Thiede	
Gail Brecht	Rosemary Franzen	

6:20 Introduction to the project, Overview of the Advisory Group expectations, project steps and timeline, Introduction to the HCVF process

The project advisory group will plan to have monthly meetings through the end of the year with the agenda for each meeting posted at the project website. The first few meetings will focus on the High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) assessment, and later meetings will focus on specific forms of recreation trails, including non-motorized summer trails, non-motorized winter trails, motorized summer trails, motorized winter trails, water trails and other recreation types (including hunter walking trails, fishing access, etc).

A presentation about these agenda items is posted at the project website to download and view:

<http://www.dovetailinc.org/files/CWC32310.pdf>

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document about the project was distributed at the meeting and is available at the project website:

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<http://www.dovetailinc.org/files/CrowWingFAQssm.pdf>

7:15 Overview of Crow Wing County Managed Lands

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department is responsible for the management of over 100,000 acres of forestland and has initiated the first steps of the High Conservation Value Forest (HCVF) Assessment to identify areas that meet the requirements of the HCVF policy.

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<http://www.dovetailinc.org/files/High%20Conservation%20Value%20Forests.pdf>

7:45 Q & A and time for Public Comment

Question: Request for more background information about the advisory group members

Answer: Brief biographies will be collected from each member and made available.

Question: There should be more women on the advisory group.

Answer: Duly noted.

Question: There was a question concerning the funding of the project.

Answer: The project is funded through the sale of timber and the sale of tax forfeited properties. No tax levy dollars are being spent on this project.

Question from R.Manning: Is there an expectation or goal, written or understood, that there will be an ATV trail system?

Answer: The project is a comprehensive recreation trails plan that will address recreation trails that serve a full range of motorized and non-motorized uses, including ATV routes, equestrian trails, biking, hiking, dog-sledding, skiing, snowmobiling, and other trail based recreation types.

8 pm Adjourn

For more information about the project visit:

<http://www.dovetailinc.org/content/crow-wing-county-recreation>

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