

Jamestown Reservoir Meeting

June 14, 2007

ND CREC Carrington, ND

Present:

Kim Hanson	FWS Arrowwood Refuge	285-3341	Karl Hoppe	NDSU CREC / Foster SCD	652-2951
Jim Collins Jr.	ND Dept. of Health	328-5161	Bernie Wanzek	Stutsman SCD	435-2707
Mike Collins	NRCS Jamestown AO	252-1460	Carol Peterson	Sheyenne James RC&D	252-2521
Scott Elstad	NDGF Save Our Lakes	328-6667	Ryan Odenbach	Watershed Coordinator	252-2521
Jim Weigel	Bureau of Reclamation	250-4242	Sally Domke	Watershed Technician	252-2521
Ron Wiederholt	NDSU CREC Waste Mgt.	652-2951	Jamie Kienzle	NRCS SCEP	252-2521
			Josh Simonson	NRCS STEP	252-2521

Welcome and introductions at 10:10 by Mike Collins / Carol Peterson – Facilitators.

Ryan Odenbach reviewed the results of the prioritization survey of Goals and Concerns on the reservoir.

Concerns:

1. algal blooms
2. cattle access to the lake
3. lack of education on current improvements
4. time frame for improvement
5. sedimentation
6. water elevations
7. increased carp population

Goals:

1. agency coordination
2. find out where the nutrients are coming from
3. increased education
4. minimizing the green
5. identifying the stakeholders
6. improving game fish and decreasing the rough fish populations
7. enhancing recreation
8. a strategic fish stocking plan
9. increased wildlife habitat

The group came up with an extensive list of stakeholders, in no particular order:

NRCS

Homeowners / Cabin owners

Farmers / Ranchers

CORP of Engineers

USGS

NDGF – Save Our Lakes and Private Lands Program

NDSU Extension

Jamestown Chamber of Commerce

Jamestown Stutsman Development Corp. (JSDC)

Stutsman Park Board

EPA

County Water Resource Boards (4)

County Commissioners

Department of Agriculture

ND Natural Resources Trust

Ext. Water Quality Specialist

Garrison Diversion Conservancy District

Anglers / Sportsmen

Soil Conservation Districts

Landowners in the entire watershed

Federal Bureau of Reclamation

USFW – Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge

Partners for Wildlife

Jamestown Reservoir Task Force

South Central Regional Planning Council

ND Department of Health

City of Jamestown - Mayor Liechty

ND Stockmen's Association

Hwy. 281 Corridor Livestock Development Group

319 Task Force

ND Assoc. of Soil Conservation Districts

State Water Commission

ND State Legislator - Lyle Hanson

Jim Collins and Jim Weigel would like to compile lake data by the next meeting including yearly hydrology data. The water quality on the refuge is done by the CORP. Jim C. would like to see a larger watershed area for assessment phase (not necessarily the project area). He says that major nutrient addition is from spring runoff from winter feeding operations. Jim Collins also said he would do a better map of the watershed boundary. He would also like to assess what is coming out of Lake Juanita.

Ron Wiederholt would like to see where the “holes” in the watershed are, where there has been no assessments or projects.

Kim Hanson FWS stated that there have been major construction projects on Arrowwood Refuge over the past 10 years which are almost done, but these have unfortunately contributed a lot of erosion to the Reservoir. Kim is also willing to host a tour of the Refuge at a future meeting.

It was reported that there is currently a carp harvesting operation on the reservoir which is attempting to reduce the carp population. Terry Miller recently took out 12 semi loads of carp at 21 tons each to sell commercially in New York City and elsewhere.

The group brainstormed a name, a vision statement and a mission statement, but has yet to come up with a logo.

Name: The Jamestown Reservoir Watershed Partnership

Vision Statement: The vision of the Jamestown Reservoir Watershed Partnership is working to protect and enhance water quality in the Jamestown Reservoir.

Mission: Promote agency coordination to assess and improve water quality in the Jamestown Reservoir through education and stakeholder involvement.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday July 31st at 5:00 PM at Pingree Café for supper and presentations, followed by a tour of Arrowwood Refuge by caravan of personal vehicles.

Meeting Adjourned: at 12:20 PM; Sally Domke, Recorder