

Columbia County Voluntary Stewardship Program

Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2017

I. Call to order

Roland Schirman called to order the regular meeting of the Voluntary Stewardship Program at 5:30 PM on January 26, 2017 at Columbia County Planning and Building.

II. Attendance

Don Howard; Eric Thorn; Norm Passmore; Greg Abramson; Valerie Turner; Terry Bruegman; Dian VerValen; Justin Pearson; Janet Howard; Roland Schirman; Scott Magill; Marty Hall; Kim Lyonnais; Meagan Bailey; Don Brigham

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as is.

IV. Business

- a) Agricultural Viability
- b) County requires credit for programs/actions already being taken
- c) Harold Crose matrix
- d) Roland Schirman: stated that our local growers have been participating in these efforts longer than 2011
- e) Don Brigham: state requirement is to look only to July, 2011 and forward
- f) Measurable Benchmarks
- g) Protection **MUST** be in plan; enhancement **NOT** required
- h) Process:
 - i) Identify conservation programs, match to critical areas, establish threshold of protection since 2011 **AND/OR** survey landowners, determine if protection goals are met, determine if enhancement is desired
- j) Communication and Outreach
- k) Publish in Farm Service Agency

- l) WSU Extension Office
 - m) Link VSP site to Planning and Building site
 - n) Postcards
 - o) “Weed Tax” mailing list for flyers/postcards/mailers
 - p) Forestry Management Plans→assessors office
 - q) Regardless of efforts made, all information must be confidential
- a) Next Meeting: February 8th, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the Delany Building

V. Adjournment

Roland Schirman adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Meagan Bailey

Minutes approved by: Don Brigham