

**LAND USE PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 1, 2007
1:00 P.M.**

Present:

Water Wolf: Russ McPherson, Denise Guillet

Mid Sask CFDC/REDA: Fred Baran, Don Munro

Sask Ag & Food: John Ippolito

Sask Watershed Authority: Jeff Olson

Government of SK - Community Planning: Doug Daniels

Sask Tourism: Ian McGilp

Sask Environment – Park Area Manager (Saskatoon Area): Bob Plaster

Ducks Unlimited: John Trevor

Guests: Gary Stone, Gordon Ross

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.

- × JOHN (Ducks)
 - × Turning land back to grassland
 - × Primary focus is delivering programs with private land owners
 - × Use the SSEWS and Brightwater canal to fill some of their areas
 - × Try to make the land a little more waterfowl friendly
 - × Programs change: primary is securing what native prairie is out there (Conservation Easement Program), province allows companies to hold an easement and put that easement on natural habitat lands; continue to lose native prairie, but this program tries to protect what is out there
 - × Forage program – help land owners who are interested in seeding lands down to grass with financial help; want that land to stay that way for at least 10 years
 - × Green Cover program
 - × Are now able to purchase land in the province; only buy the best of the best
 - × Used to lease land for 10, 20 or 30 years, then would pay the landowner an annual payment; that was a costly program and not working well; decided to implement other programs; winter cereal program (encourages landowners to seed down winter wheat – birds come back early in April and are looking for a place to nest on the ground, and there isn't a lot of areas in the landscape for them to choose, so the winter wheat crop is ideal for them)
 - × Wetland Restoration Program – finding areas where wetlands have been physically drained off of the landscape, DU comes in and plugs that area to try to return that wetland back to its natural state
 - × Buffer Strip Program – did GIS work and acre calculations
 - × Involved in lots of partner work
 - × Have an education component in the province, getting into the schools and educating the kids on wildlife and habitat
 - × If you live in a priority area, they can deliver those programs in those areas, if you are outside of a priority area, they are a little more restricted to what programs they can implement
- info from conservation data centre with all of the other endangered wildlife species

Denise – outlined what data has been requested, received and what we are waiting on; should be online to have everything ready by the first public meeting

- kinds of data that need to be on each map at the public meeting
- John – soils and geology; will determine where the ILOs will be located; utilities would be nice, road systems (primary vs. non-primary), access to groundwater
- Denise- will have her own station to be at
- Jeff – showing groundwater data, reservoir development area, hydrology and operation of dam, section dealing with some of the concerns that SWA has with the water (i.e. Stewardship activities) – will bring everything they have

April 3rd, is the public meeting, have an afternoon session and an evening session; 2-5, 7-9

- have an online feedback form on our website that people can fill in after the public meeting, so if there are councilors that cannot attend the meeting, they are able to go to the website and put in their concerns
- Do we need an irrigation table? John says Yes, there will be questions about the west side and the infill
- Water Wolf table – who has bylaws and who doesn't – will need maps of where ILOs are now and what their capacity, etc is.
- Bob P – from a parks perspective, the whole branch is booked for that day, could maybe have one of the conservation officers there; other problem with the 3rd, is the timing – SK parks operates on a 10-year frameworks of principles of what they want to do, the last one was done in 1996, in 2005, a series of public surveys, phone, park surveys generating stats about the parks, what they expect, what they want and don't want, was followed up in 2006 with a series of stakeholder meetings for each individual park (campground users, day users, RM, lessees within parks, businesses within RMs, provincial reps), info gathered from there is being compiled into the new 10-year framework which is going to be unveiled shortly (early April), a significant change might be announced, depending on what is announced in the provincial budget. So he doesn't want to go to a public meeting and say this is what we are going to do, even though it might be changed with the new plan. If in April, there is 2 RFP's open, he can be there to talk about those at the April meeting
- Question form online – asked Jeff if there is any questions that they asked that might be useful for us to put on our questionnaire.

Next Meeting, March 22nd, 1 pm

Meeting adjourned at 3 p.m.