

## Minutes of the meeting of the Popular River Management Board

Date: June 1, 2006, Time 9 a.m.

Venue: Caribou Highlands Lodge

Chaired by: Charles Skinner

Present:

Wayne Seidel Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District

Tom Rider, Lutsen Mountains

Don Sivertson, Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District

Charles Skinner, Lutsen Mountains

Scott Harrison, Lutsen Resort

Curt Sparks, North American Wetland Engineering

Bruce Martinson, Cook County Commissioner

Andy Woodrick, Caribou Highlands Lodge

Melissa Dressely, Caribou Highlands Lodge

1. The meeting commenced with unanimous approval of the minutes from the meeting held April 18, 2006.
2. **AUAR update.** The mitigation plan, published May 18, was passed around. It was sent to land owners, agencies, and commenters. If there are no requests to extend it, it will be approved. With the exception of the TMDL, everything in the mitigation plan is or will be in place. Later, the county will adopt provisions for the TMDL. Check-lists will be updated within 30 days of adoption of the AUAR.

The Subdivision Ordinance is set to be approved by Cook County on July 11, 2006. A potential conflict between the Ordinance and the AUAR regarding storm water runoff was sited: the Ordinance does not have a mechanism to enforce runoff strategies. PRMB will make this known to the Subdivision Ordinance Sub Committee.

The 9% slope criterion for determining potential developable area was removed.

3. **Caribou River Monitoring:** Dave Stark has been taking samples. Curt received the results from NRRI's Turbidity Meter, but they need to be officially interpreted. Preliminary interpretation of the graph looked like it was reading high turbidity during storm events. However, the monitor was snagged and lost. A plan for a new turbidity meter is still to be determined.
4. **Status of grant applications:**
  - Coastal Grant: They are ready to write up the grant, but are waiting for our official non-profit status to come from the IRS. The grant is for \$14,768 with a \$4,932 match, for a total of \$19,700. This grant is for determining management practices for the Mega Slump, for which PRMB will look at five or six possible solutions.
  - Great Lakes Grant: They have not yet received their funding; all announcements are pending. PRMB applied for the maximum watershed grant to fund construction to fix the

Mega Slump. This two-phase project will consist of two years for design and permit acquisition, and two years for construction. These phases are on-time with TMDL completion.

- 6 . **Press Releases and News Stories:** Will issue a press release once grants are received.
7. **Website:** A proposal was received from Northern Visual; will distribute to the Budget Committee.
8. The next meeting of the PRMB was scheduled for July 6, at noon, at Caribou Highlands Lodge.