

VTS Project Stakeholders meeting  
18 January 2005  
Ag Hall 150

Attendees:

Brookings: Todd Trooien, Steve Pohl, Bruce Bleakley, Sara Smith, Kent Tjardes, Van Kelley  
Jeremy Schelhaas, Wayne Smith, Mike Schmidt

Huron via conference call: Ken Taylor, Jay Cobb

Pierre via conference call: Dennis Clarke, Kent Woodmansey, Karen Weber, Pete Jahraus, Scott Jones

Notes

Trooien, Pohl, and S Smith visited the Miner and McCook sites in December. The sites are ready for monitoring. Trooien will contact Jay Gilbertson about ISCO samplers.

Dennis Clarke will work on getting any clearances required for Threatened and Endangered (T&E) species for the Miner and McCook sites and will coordinate with NRCS for the Roberts site.

Ken Taylor is doing preliminary design work on the new Roberts site based on old survey data. NRCS is also drafting the new design standard and hoped to have it posted on their web site within a week.

Scott Jones has spoken with Shane Ries of the conservation district. Shane had some possible sites in the Todd/Tripp county area but nothing definite. If a potential site is not identified before Monday, Jan 24, then the potential site in Minnehaha county will be pursued.

The Meade site design is well underway by Steve Quissell, NRCS. Clarke noted that he did T&E clearance for the ranch for a grazing project and will send the info to Ken Taylor.

Conservation commission grant proposal: The Moody County Cons Dist board has discussed but not acted on potential sponsorship. (note: after the meeting, Trooien was contacted by the board about meeting with them on Feb 22; they have tabled the sponsorship at this time) Pete noted that the text of the 319 proposal can be used for the bulk of the Cons Comm proposal, in addition to the 2 page form. The proposal is due 1 April and will be considered at the May meeting. Agreements begin 1 July and are usually designated for use within 1 or 2 years. Pete suggested that we consider asking for 1.5 years for this project.

Trooien recently visited with Gary Larson, SDSU botanist. A potential grass species for VTS's that require reseeding would be Garrison creeping foxtail. It is a cool-season grass. Another, albeit expensive, option is whitetop scolochoa. It is a native of Canada.

Next meeting: Feb 22, 1:00 PM.

notes recorded by trooien