

JD2 AND MILLER BAY PROJECT TEAM MEETING NOTES

07/17/2023 | 9AM to 11AM

Sauk River Watershed District Office

Attendees

In person: Paul Hartmann, Ken Rutten, Janice Hauri, Susan Capitola

Virtual: Bruce Magnus, Drew Kessler (HEI), Emily Siira (MnDNR), Mark Anderson (MnDNR)

Crooked Lake Preliminary Project Concepts

- Drew gave an overview of the project development status. We are currently “paused” on further design work as we explore the potential to expand the capability of Site 3 by moving the control further north. The property is under a RIM/WRP easement and we are working with the NRCS and USFWS to determine if the project is compatible with their easement. Physically it is an opportunity to make the project better. The landowner, Douglas County Highway Department, and the JD #2 Drainage Inspector will be consulted if we learn the easement will allow this cooperative venture.

Update on Restoration/LSHOC Efforts

- The Phase 5 application to the LSOHC has been submitted. Included in the application are funds for more project work in the Osakis Lake watershed. Action on this application will be taken sometime in Fall 2023.

Update on JD2 Alternatives Analysis Funding

- The agreements with the USACE for the Planning Assistance to States grant are signed and in place. We plan to begin work with some of the appropriation we have from the Watershed Based Implementation Fund while we continue the search for additional non-federal funds for match.

Osakis Lake Outlet

- The group discussed their latest concern regarding lake level fluctuations and the possibility of redesigning the structure at the outlet to potentially address these concerns. It was discussed and generally agreed to expand this project team membership to include the Todd County Highway Department and representation downstream of Osakis Lake. The group would then go through the process to specifically identify the problem they are trying to address before they work on solutions.

Next Steps

- Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 21st, 2023 at 9:00am at the Sauk River Watershed District office.