

**VALLEY FLOOD COMMITTEE (VFC)  
MEETING MINUTES HELD March 28, 2013**

**VFC members present:** Les Bramblett, Archie Harper, Marlys Mattfeldt, Raymond Read, Jeannene Maas, Nikki Peters, Bud Dupree.

Also in attendance were: Erik Bryson, Pat Whitaker, Jerry Frohreich, Whitson Bush, Nike Butzlaff, Pat Hppkins, Sharon Hopkins, Lyle Lallum, Skeeter Baertsch, Roger Lavoie, Wayne & Andrea Hunt.

Archie Harper called the meeting to order and everyone introduced themselves.

**1. Comments submitted to the Commissioners:** Archie stated that he had written and submitted to Paul Montgomery and Eric Bryson comments that the VFC had requested for a modification to the flood plan.

**2. Open Discussion on flood master plan:**

a. Pat Hopkins heard that someone wanted to berm up 10-mile or sand bag it. Makes sense to him—it would keep the water in 10-mile.

Erik Bryson stated the developments caused the problem with 10-mile. The plan helps as man people as possible. The master plan will capture 600-700 CFS.

b. Lyle Lallum—10-mile is becoming clogged so it raises the surface of water trying to come out. He thinks 10-mile needs to be cleaned out and build levees.

c. Pay Hopkins—Their home was high and dry but he is concerned about the master plan. Need to increase size of bridges, as they are too small. The plan needs to include 10 mile.

d. Eric Bryson—The county had received permission for cleaning up dead wood and silt around the McHugh bridge.

e. Archie mentioned that 10-mile changed direction of flow because of housing developments. Water wants to flow in its natural channel.

F. Sharon Hopkins—Who has the responsibility for maintaining the cleaning of the water channel,

h. Erik--The County is identifying specific areas on McHugh to fix during this coming year, along with the holding pond at the gun club.

i. Jeannine Maas—What can this committee do to keep the process going?

j. Eric—Incentives to homeowners would help with keeping the stream cleaned up.

k. Jerry Frohreich (Gun Club Board Member)—FEMA wants a permanent easement on their 26 acres—it will ruin the property value—they would get no money for the easement.

- l. Roger Lavoie—We should do flood mitigation before it gets to the canal. Why can't the owners be forced to keep the creek clean? What about having a retention pond built on the south side of the canal in case the gun club can't let us use it?
- m. Archie—Holding standing water will create raising the ground water. The plan tries to keep the water moving to get it out.
- n. Les Bramblett—After the flood passes, pump the water out of the holding pond into the creek to get rid of it. There was further discussion on the subject, like where to get the pumps, how large, etc.
- o. Eric—The plan will be submitted to the Commissioners in April. The comment period will still be open afterwards for 30 days.

**3. Miscellaneous Discussion:** It was mentioned to Eric that it would be nice to have a PowerPoint of the flood area so the committee can visualize the area involved. He said he would bring one to our next meeting! Thanks Erik! Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**5. Next meeting:** will be on April 25, 2013 at the Helena Moose Lodge at 7 pm.

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