



Voluntary Stewardship Program

Work Group Meeting, Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021

Attendees: Ben Floyd, Elsa Bowen, Mark Stedman, Connor Nikkola, Rex Harder, Jeff Schibel, Pete Wyborney, Ron Mielke, Tom Harding, and Craig Madsen. This meeting was web/call-in only.

Meeting started at 8:00 a.m. with Ben Floyd providing a brief overview of the agenda items.

Elsa Bowen introduced the proposed adjustments to the current budget to completed the financial year. Some tasks were overspent in some areas and needed to be relocated so that all funding was distributed properly. Mark Stedman motioned to approved the proposed adjustments and Ron Mielke seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

Elsa Bowen next introduced the proposed new budget for the upcoming financial biennium. The only changes from the current biennium was that funding was shorter by \$5,000 and some of the money was to be used for cultural resources. Mark asked if the cultural resource budget task would include any training for staff and Elsa concluded that all staff are up to date on training and funds would not be used for that purpose. Craig Madsen then inquired what goes into the facilitation task and Elsa concluded that task was for staff time implementing reports, studies and or research. Ron Mielke made a motion to approve the new budget and Mark Stedman seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

The work group then looked at the current VSP work group and updated the list by removing Dennis Bly and Keith Schafer and replacing Val Vissia with Connor Nikkola. Mark Stedman made a comment that the diversity of the work group is well represented throughout the county.

Connor Nikkola then gave an update he was working on updating the current ranking sheet for cost share project and will present it at the next meeting as well as suggestions from the top ranked projects for cost share funding.

The next meeting will be held on Monday August 9th at 7 am via zoom or call-in.

The meeting ended at 8:20 AM

