



ERA committee Meeting

Minutes - 3/20/24

- Francis, WI
- Sabrina, WI
- Peter, MN
- Roz, WI
- Marni, MN

Pollinators

Operation Pollination (ESRAG) signed last fall. Additional proclamations signed, including upcoming on April 19 in MN at Minneapolis Watershed Management Office.

Roz is displaying at a conference in Green Bay and suggested perhaps a table/display at the upcoming meeting in Winona.

There were pollination training sessions offered (with Chris Stein on Zoom) earlier in March that were well received.

Are there opportunities to engage with MRCTI/ mayors and other organizations who have signed with Operation Pollination?

There is a video about Operation Pollination -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_rm_AnIrKuWqxTYZ6owMWe4ohnSxoU7C/view

Work with Culture and Heritage committee to see if there are Interpretive Centers that have pollinator gardens or habitats that we can highlight. A plug to attend the Annual Meeting in Winona. Their Art Museum, which is an interpretive center, does have a pollinator garden.

Eco-tourism and Agri-tourism

Erin (co-chair) has been trying to bridge eco-tourism and the environment. There is an Upper Mississippi River Joint Venture, as well a Lower Miss. Doug, Joint Venture Coordinator, will attend a future meeting to discuss how to work together. There will be more to come on that.

100th anniversary

Friends groups of the Refuge is taking the lead. A website was established - uppermiss100.com, which lists related events and activities.






Other

Francis mentioned the town of Onalaska, WI keeps us on the state trail . Looking to create signage off the state trail.

Reminder to use mrpcmembers.com/committee/era

Glad to have Marni from Minnesota back.

Reminder that the Stewardship Committee nominations are due second quarter in June. A reminder will be included in the next enewsletter.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:38am