

## Nebraska Report

Charles Wortmann started the Nebraska Group Meeting. Rod W was selected as facilitator and Gary Zoubek reporter.

Along list of potential group efforts were presented during the brain storming session. They include:

- \*Look at identifying the bad apples
- \*Are we accomplishing our goals in quality or quantity
- \*How do we affect issues relative to increasing water demands
- \*Stake holds recognition of accountability
- \*How do we get information for adaptive management
- \*How do we understand natural processes prior to setting goals.
- \*How do we best utilize interagency cooperation to achieve targeted goals.
- \*We need to respect each institution for what they can do: training, and funding for use of asset tools. (Combine strengths of each) We must remember each have their own little quirks. We must learn what each group is doing.
- \*How do we develop a plan for nitrates in ground water – consolidate efforts by interagency.
- \*The group discussed 319 plans for watersheds and community based planning.
- \*It was suggested that the Heartland group focus on nitrates and identify an area and plan.
- \*Do invasive species affect quality and quantity issues
- \*How do we define appropriate surface water targets

### Goals for the Nebraska Group

- \*Teach the elements of community based planning and achieving goals
- \*Funding
- \*Working as a group
- \*Technical Issues

We decided to gather as a Heartland Group Meeting (Summit) to build relationships and better understand each agencies rules and responsibilities in educating and technical aspects on water quantities and quality issues.

We need to develop one effort as a Nebraska Heartland Group.

Representatives for the various groups will meet to plan the summit: formulate a process to plan for enhanced Nebraska water shed planning efforts; seek funding for priority efforts, etc. The Nebraska Heartland Agencies will plan summit management of those working with water issues to share agency rules, effort, responsibilities, etc.