

**Project Title** Assiniboine River Basin Initiative - Phase 1

**Start Date** 19-Dec-14

**Project Sponsor:** Prairie Improvement Network

**End Date** 31-Mar-14

<b>Purpose:</b> To implement a grassroots workshop in March 2014 to define the needs of key stakeholders in the Assiniboine River Basin and to discuss the organization structure to manage this asset for future generations.	<b>Planning Committee</b>	<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>Manitoba</b>
	<b>Project Mgmt</b>		Lance Yohe (Senior Advisor)	Murray Grant (PIN)
<b>Key Milestones</b>  30-Oct Manitoba Stakeholder Meeting 13-Nov 1st ARB PC conf call 19-Dec 1st ARB PC meeting (Brandon) 07-Jan ARB PC conf call - define March event 15-Jan March agenda, approach, invitees agreed 22-Jan March venue booked 31-Jan ARB Portal launched (PIN Web site) 31-Jan Invitations sent out 07-Feb Awareness campaign launched 15-Mar ARB Grassroots workshop (Brandon) 30-Mar Workshop recommendations (Phase 2)	<b>Agriculture</b>	tbd	Norm Hall (APAS)	Dan Mazier (KAP)
	<b>Muni / County</b>	Marlo Schappert (Langenburg)	Cam Wiebe (APAS)	Cam Dahl, Caron Clarke (MBP)
		Jim Hoff (Chester)	Keny Rogers (Bottineau)	Joe Masi (AMM) Duncan Stewart (Brenda)
	<b>Watershed Mgmt</b>	Sheldon Kyle (Lower Souris)	Dan Schaeffer (All Seasons)	Tom Mollard (Hamiota) Heather Dalglish (MCDA)
	<b>Government</b>	Doug Johnson **		Nicole Armstrong (CWS)
		John-Mark Davies **		Mark Lee (CWS)
		Aron Hershmillier (Assiniboine)		
	<b>Project Costs (estimated)</b>			<b>Risks Assumptions Dependencies</b>
	ARB Portal	\$5,000	Funding	
	Workshop	\$15,000	representations and commitment level of Plng Committee	
Speakers	\$5,000	Grassroots engagement from large # of stakeholders		
Consulting Fees	\$40,000	Conflicting stakeholder objectives		
Contingency	\$10,000	Government alignment and relative priority		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	Short term water issues (vs longer term planning)		
<b>Goals</b> 1) To engage a committed planning committee that has holistic representation of jurisdictions (SK, ND, MB) and stakeholder orgs - Agriculture, Muni/Counties, Watershed orgs, and provincial/state government 2) To create and execute a plan to conduct a workshop in Brandon, inviting all grassroots stakeholders and creating a safe environment for open dialogue to determine the best structure for managing the future of the Assiniboine River Basin 3) To attract funding sources through event registration fees, and sponsorships to offset some of the financial requirements of this initiative. 4) To leverage and transform the result of this initiative into a subsequent program(s) which creates a longer term sustainable organization managing the ARB				

\*\* notified but not yet involved