

Amboy Cottage Cafe Detailed Agenda



August 27, 2013
Amboy Cottage Cafe

FOOD & DIALOGUE – AMBOY COTTAGE CAFE

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| 4:30-5:00 | Greeting table set up outside café |
| 5:00 -6:00 | Dinner at Amboy Café and small group discussions |
| 6:00-6:30 | People go to 1 of 4 break out sessions, 25 minute segments
Move to first break out session #1 |
| 6:30-7:00 | Move to next break out session #2 |
| 7:00-7:30 | Move to next break out session #3 |
| 7:30-8:00 | Move to next break out session #4 |
| 8:00-8:30 | Everyone move back to School House (or café depending on heat) for
Large Group Discussion |

TABLE TOPICS

We need recorders and facilitators at each station. The meeting participants would go from station to station and the salient points of the discussion would be summarized in some kind of a large group report back/further large group discussion at the end of the meeting.

#1 - What type of citizen organization do we want to create?

(Table Host: Mark Bosacker)

The focus of conversation will be forming a citizen's organization like CURE or Friends of the MN Valley or the Coalition for a Clean MN river -- or a chapter of an existing organization like the Mankato Paddling and Outings Club.

#2 – How does this citizen group relate with other existing efforts (e.g. GBERBA, SWCDs)?

(Table Host: Chris Hughes)

This station would explore how a Le Sueur citizens group could interact with GBERBA and if it would be worth it to create some kind of agreement just between the counties in the Le Sueur watershed that has more of a citizen led/civic engagement component.

#3 – How do we involve existing farm organizations or what new farm groups can we involve?

(Table Host: Emily Javens or Patrick Moore)

This station would be devoted to talking about other ideas for moving forward to harness citizen and landowner involvement in advancing the citizen recommendations (i.e. Farmer led Councils, Discovery Farms, integrating citizens work into existing local chapters of the Corn Growers, Soybean Growers, Farm Bureau etc.).

#4 – What ideas do you have for celebratory kickoff event at McGowan's Farm?

(Table Host: Kim Musser)

How we can harness citizen energy in organizing a capstone/kickoff event at the McGowan Farm in September?

TABLE HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

- Welcome people
- Briefly set the stage, provide background information about table topic
- Help facilitate (making sure everyone's voice is being heard)
- Record, or assign a recorder
- Report back to larger group

FOOD

Brats or quiche at the café from 5-6 PM

Pie for later in the evening

TO BRING (EVERYONE)

Please bring any folding chairs or lawn chairs if you have them

TO BRING (MSU)

Name tags

Sign up sheets

Colored dots

Markers

Poster paper

Sheets for recorders

Masking tape

SET UP

Table for greeting outside café by 4:30

Nametag and sign in

Set up in café, train depot, school and art studio for break-out meetings