

SAUK RIVER ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING #1 NOTES

April 25, 2018; 9:00 AM; Melrose City Center

In attendance were:

Policy Committee:

Jerry Rapp (Douglas County Commissioner)

Cody Rogahn (Pope County Commissioner)

Tyler Carlson (Sauk River Watershed District Manager)

Gary Reents (Pope County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor)

Randy Neumann (Todd County Commissioner)

Tom Williamson (Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor)

Steve Notch (Stearns County Commissioner)

Chuck Uphoff (Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor)

Ken Rutten (Douglas County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor)

Steering Committee:

Scott Henderson (Sauk River Watershed District)

Ralph Hanson (Pope County Land and Resource Management)

Dennis Fuchs (Stearns County SWCD)

Susan McGuire (Stearns County Environmental Services)

Tim Stieber (Todd County Planning and Zoning)

Others:

Becky Schlorf (Stearns County Environmental Services)

Jason Weinerman (MN Board of Water and Soil Resources)

Julie Westerlund (MN Board of Water and Soil Resources)

Julie Westerlund facilitated the meeting. Sue McGuire was note taker.

Julie explained that Jason Weinerman will be the BWSR Coordinator and Brad Wozney will provide technical input from BWSR.

Julie explained that the purpose of 1W1P is to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan that covers the entire Sauk River watershed. 1W1P will replace the parts of the county and SWCD plans that fall into this watershed area. The 1W1P plans must show prioritization, targeting, and measurable implementation goals. Science and local values are used to prioritize the resources. Targeting is used to define which practice will yield the best results for the money. Measurable goals assure accountability.

Currently the Clean Water Funds are distributed through a competitive process. Much time and effort goes into the application process and only one in four are funded. Grants through 1W1P will not be competitive and the funding source will, therefore, be more reliable.

The Policy Committee has final approval or denial over everything in the Plan, provided it meets BWSR guidelines. The Advisory Committee is primarily local and state agency staff. Their role is to provide technical information and recommendations to the Policy Committee.

The proposed by-laws, based on a template provided by BWSR, were reviewed. Chuck Uphoff moved to approve and adopt the by-laws as amended by Scott during the meeting. Cody Rogahn seconded the motion. All voted to approve the by-laws as amended by Scott during the meeting.

Election of officers was next order of business. Steve Notch moved to nominate Chuck Uphoff for Chair. Jerry Rapp moved to cease nominations. Steve Notch seconded the motion to cease nominations. All voted aye to elect Chuck Uphoff as Chair.

Steve Notch moved to make Jerry Rapp Vice-Chair. Motion seconded by Randy Neumann. Steve Notch moved to close nominations. Tom Williamson seconded the motion. Tyler Carlson moved to approve Jerry Rapp as Vice-Chair. Steve Notch seconded the motion. All voted aye to approve Jerry Rapp as Vice-Chair.

Steve Notch moved to nominate Randy Neumann as Secretary. Tom Williamson seconded the motion. Steve Notch moved to close nominations. Cody Rogahn seconded the motion. Steve Notch moved to nominate Randy Neumann as Secretary. Gary Reents seconded the motion. All voted to approve Randy Neumann as Secretary.

Julie reviewed the proposed Work Plan, the BWSR Operating Procedures (dated 3/28/2018), and the BWSR Plan Content Documents. Cody Rogahn moved to preliminarily approve the Work Plan. Tyler Carlson seconded the motion. All voted aye to preliminarily approve the Work Plan.

A proposed Request for Proposals was reviewed. Julie said that the consultant will be chosen through a "contract for services" procedure, so it will not be necessary to choose the lowest bid. Tyler Carlson moved to approve the RFP as presented and the proposed consultant selection process. Cody Rogahn seconded the motion. All voted aye to approve the RFP and the proposed consultant selection process.

Two of the agenda items will be addressed at the next Policy Committee meeting: Plan notification & kickoff meeting; and Advisory Committee members.

Scott will put out a Doodle Poll to schedule the next Policy Committee meeting. The meeting will be held in Sauk Centre if possible. Nine in the morning is the preferred time.

A schedule will be put together to show when all the various Boards meet.

The SRWD website <http://www.srwdmn.org/> will house all documents related to the 1W1P process.

Tyler Carlson moved to adjourn. Tom Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye to adjourn.