

Sauk River Watershed One Plan Policy Committee

Meeting #2 Notes

May 24, 2018; 9:00 AM; MN National Bank, Sauk Center, MN

In attendance were:

Policy Committee:

Ken Rutten (Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District)
Cody Rogahn (Pope County Commissioner)
Gary Reents (Pope Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor)
Randy Neumann (Todd County Commissioner)
Tom Williamson (Todd Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor)
Steve Notch (Stearns County Commissioner)
Chuck Uphoff (Stearns Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor)
Tyler Carlson (Sauk River Watershed District Manager)

Steering Committee:

Scott Henderson (Sauk River Watershed District)
Jessica Hoheisel (Pope Soil and Water Conservation District)
Tim Stieber (Todd County Planning and Zoning)
Danielle Anderson (Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District)
Ralph Hanson (Pope County Land and Resource Management)
Rebecca Schlorf (Stearns County Environmental Services)
Jason Winerman (MN Board of Water and Soil Resources)
Brad Wonzey (MN Board of Water and Soil Resources)

Chuck Uphoff facilitated the meeting. Danielle Anderson was note taker.

Steve Notch moved to approve agenda as written. Tom Williamson seconded the motion. All voted aye to motion.

Cody Rogahn moved to approve minutes as written. Randy Neumann seconded the motion. All voted aye to motion.

Scott Henderson handed out a page from the work plan - Task No. 2.2: Notify plan review authorities and other stakeholders. Scott explained that a notification of intent to prepare watershed plan must be sent out to welcome stakeholders and landowners to submit their priority issues and concerns. There is a 60 day comment period. Committee compiled a list of who the notification will be sent to. Scott will compose and send the official letter. Letter will be sent June 1. Group agreed utilizing multiple methods of outreach should be used, including electronic survey, direct mailing, and news printings.

Tyler Carlson moved to approve list of who notification will be sent to. Cody Rogahn seconded the motion. All voted aye to motion.

Committee discussed their priority issues and concerns in an effort to compile a list. This list will be the starting point of the plan's priority issues and concerns and also serve as the template for the survey that will be sent to stakeholders and landowners. Some items on the list include: groundwater quality and quantity, surface water, storm water, and erosion. Scott Henderson has the complete list.

Garry Reents moved to approve list of priority issues and concerns. Tyler Carlson seconded the motion. All voted aye to motion.

After a group discussion it was decided that four kick off meetings will be held. Locations will be Osakis, Melrose, Cold Spring, and Waite Park. Dates will be decided at next meeting. Scott Henderson will write formal invite letter.

Tyler Carlson moved to approve locations. Steve Notch seconded motion. All voted aye to motion.

Group had a discussion on what individuals and/or groups should be invited to be on the Advisory Committee. Advisory committee will include everyone from Steering Committee and citizens from groups such as cities, lake associations, and Ag groups.

Original Motion: Tom Williamson made a motion to have a split Advisory Committee (two sub-committees), with one group being technical and one group from the public. Cody Rogahn seconded the motion. All voted aye to motion.

Amended Motion: Tyler Carlson made a motion to not have a split Advisory Committee, instead have technical and public in one group. Tom Williamson seconded the amendment. All voted aye to amended motion.

Policy Committee chair is to appoint one person one member to attend Advisory Committee meetings. Chuck Uphoff appointed Steve Notch as primary for attending Advisory Committee meetings.

The next Policy Committee meeting will have presentations from the top three proposals as selected by Steering Committee. Expect meeting to be around three hours long.

Scott Henderson will put out a Doodle Poll to schedule the next Policy Committee meeting. The meeting will be held in Sauk Center again if possible.

During the 60 day comment period local agencies will be invited to give presentations after a Policy Committee meeting about the conservation efforts of each agency within the watershed.

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