

## Sauk River Watershed One Plan Policy Committee

### Meeting #5 Notes

August 23 2018; 9:00 AM; Business Center, 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)  
Chuck Uphoff (Stearns Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor)  
Steve Notch (Stearns County Commissioner)  
Tyler Carlson (Sauk River Watershed District Manager)

Steering Committee:

Scott Henderson (Sauk River Watershed District)  
Ralph Hanson (Pope County Land and Resource Management)  
Cole Loewen (Stearns County Environmental Services)  
Jason Weinerman (MN Board of Water and Soil Resources)  
Brad Wozney (MN Board of Water and Soil Resources)  
Dennis Fuchs (Stearns Soil and Water Conservation District)  
Tim Stieber (Todd Soil and Water Conservation District)

The Policy Committee reviewed the approved the agenda and notes from the previous meeting. Tom Williamson motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Cody Rogahn, motion passed with all in favor. Tyler Carlson motioned to approve the notes from the previous meeting, seconded by Randy Neumann, motion passed with all in favor.

The contract with RESPEC was discussed and Julie Blackburn answered questions from the Policy Committee on implementation and how the contract works. Tom Williamson motioned to accept the contract with the contingency that county attorneys review and approve the contract prior to Chuck's signature. The motion was seconded by Cody Rogahn. The motion passed with all in favor. A deadline of September 6<sup>th</sup> was given for county attorneys to get in contact with Scott Henderson on any issues.

The work plan and budget was discussed. Tyler Carlson motioned to approve the work plan and budget as presented. Cody Rogahn seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Chuck Uphoff asked about stakeholder input and public meetings. The committee discussed having 2-4 public input meetings. 2 seemed sufficient with the locations being Sauk Centre and Waite Park. An online survey was to be developed also to solicit public input into the priorities of the plan. Tyler Carlson motioned to have 2 meetings at Sauk Centre and Waite Park. Motion was seconded by Cody Rogahn. Motion passed with all in favor.

Julie Blackburn led a discussion on how governance and committees will work with advisory committee giving recommendations to the policy committee through the steering committee. There were no issues discussed with this flow of recommendations.

Julie Blackburn led an exercise in documenting meetings, understanding the values and norms of the policy committee. Topics included exercising meeting decorum, attention to topics, active listening, being prepared, providing input, the decision making process and having transparent results.

A large discussion was had on who shall be part of the advisory committee. These agency/organizations/interest groups were to be asked to be a part of the committee:

Crops, livestock, cities, townships, lakes, pheasants forever, the nature conservancy and NRCS.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45

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