

MEETING NOTES

One Watershed One Plan

April 24th, 2019 | 9am-noon | Meeting #5

Meeting Location: Sauk Centre City Hall

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Scott Henderson (SRWD), Sarah Boser (SRWD), Craig Wills (DNR), Nicki Blake-Bradley (DNR), Tara Ostendorf (BWSR), Dennis Fuchs (Stearns SWCD), Eran Sandquist (Pheasants Forever), Brad Wozney (BWSR), Karen Voz (MDH), Ryan Lemickson (MDA), Cole Loewen (Stearns County), Danielle Anderson (Douglas SWCD), Rebecca Sternquist (Douglas County), Anna Bosch (MPCA), Leah Hall (TNC), Ralph Hanson (Pope County LRM)

Others Present:

Julie Blackburn (RESPEC)

Notes from Meeting:

Julie discussed the progress that had been made on the issue statements based on the comments received. There were a number of comments that the 'land' issues overlapped or were already addressed in other issue statements. The best approach moving forward is to begin framing up the issues in more detail and then revisit the issue statements to determine if there are changes needed to clarify the issue and review all issue statements to evaluate gaps. Julie prepared logic model worksheets for each of the issue statements.

As a large group, the issue statement regarding trout streams was examined. It was noted that Kinzer Creek is no longer listed as a trout stream and should be removed from the list. The remaining trout streams within the Sauk River Watershed are Trout Creek (Todd County), Little Sauk Creek (Todd County) and Cold Spring Creek (Stearns County). There are no trout designated lakes within the watershed. Julie talked the group through the logic model process using the trout stream issue statement as an example. For today's small group discussions, Julie identified the most important components for small groups to focus on: 10 year (medium term) outcomes, long term (50 year) outcomes, activities needed, and how to measure the outcomes. Julie assisted the group in dividing into three smaller groups, based on area of comfort and expertise, to continue working through issue statements. The three small groups were: Habitat, Surface Water, and Groundwater/Drinking Water.

Partway through working in small groups Julie pulled the group back together to check in on progress, challenges, positives, etc. with the logic models process on issue statements. The group provided feedback including: some of the issue statements are too broad for the logic model making it a little overwhelming to organize, some of the issue statements need to be revised again. After the discussion small groups went back to working on putting the issue statements into the logic model. Remaining issue statements that were not finished today are due to Julie by May 8th, 2019. It is

up to the small groups how they would like to finish the remaining issue statements and submit them to Julie.