

MEETING NOTES

One Watershed One Plan

June 26th, 2019 9am-noon Advisory Committee Meeting #7

Meeting Location: Sauk Centre City Hall

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Anna Bosch (MPCA), Craig Wills (DNR), Nicki Blake-Bradley (DNR), Brad Wozney (BWSR), Cole Loewen (Stearns), Tara Ostendorf (BWSR), Brenda Postels (UMN Extension), Leah Hall (TNC), Holly Kovarik (Pope SWCD), Karen Voz (MDH), Jim Bartelme (Stearns COLA), Dennis Fuchs (Stearns SWCD), Ralph Hanson (Pope County LRM), Jerry Haggemiller (Douglas SWCD), Rebecca Sternquist (Douglas SWCD), Sarah Boser (SRWD)

Others Present:

Julie Blackburn (RESPEC); Matt Bruyette (Stearns SWCD Supervisor)

Notes from Meeting:

- Discussion on the amount of information Advisory Committee was asked to review for this meeting – too much, too little, just right?
 - Overall people are busy this time of year but the amount of information seemed adequate.
- Sample plan section – Drinking Water – Likes, Dislikes, Suggested Changes?
 - Make headings more noticeable
 - Like goal labels as 50 years, 10 years, 2 years
 - Clarification on how plan will be formulated/put together
 - *Julie will develop a sample Table of Contents for group to help with plan structure concept*
 - Where in the plan will regulatory authority/responsible party for each actions be identified?
 - Will have a specific chapter for regulatory authorities, will have a table identifying responsible agencies
 - Will also have implementation plan listing responsible parties/agencies
 - Sources for data? – Citations will be added later, for the drinking water portion that we are reviewing the source is almost 100% the GRAPS
 - *Julie to develop this section of the plan (Drinking Water) to 70% complete, then the Advisory Committee will review and have other applicable staff review*
 - Discussion regarding getting comments from other professionals/experts – when is the appropriate time to pull these people in and how do we ensure that the Advisory Committee members are representing them as well as possible.
 - Remove table one – incomplete and misleading (table was pulled from the GRAPS)
 - Do Wellhead Protection Plans have a place in 1W1P? Too many WHP plans to have them incorporated completely into this plan
 - Could include a few examples in this plan for how we can support WHPP through 1W1P.
 - Narrative section of the plan is more for the general public and therefore needs to be concise with minimal technical jargon – implementation section is more for agency staff.

- Refer to other plans in 1W1P, such as Bonanza Valley plan – don't try to incorporate those entire documents into 1W1P – there was a lot of time and money spent on those documents.
- Discussion on links to other documents and plans with cues for where to reference the info within our plan – refrain from using actual links since those are not permanent and can be frustrating for the reader if they don't work.
- Definitions – have a section to define key terms
- Capital Improvement Projects – BWSR has an entire section on this – there is no specific definition for this term per BWSR, however, 1W1P requires a section of the plan to address capital improvement projects.
- *Unregulated (pharmaceutical) contaminants vs emerging contaminants – Julie will work on reorganizing this*
- ***Submit comments to Julie sooner rather than later for Drinking Water section – July 5th would be ideal but no later than July 8th!***
- Katie Breth (Stearns SWCD) reviewed the drinking water narrative, Julie will incorporate her comments into the 70% draft.
- Discussion on the draft impaired surface waters and high quality lakes prioritization
 - SAM model uses and explanation
 - How well is it calibrated to the real world? HSPF
 - Used by the EPA, Army Corp, US Army, MPCA
 - Based on intensive amounts of data such as land use, meteorology, soils, precipitation – model is calibrated based on real data
 - Sauk River Watershed has some of the most intensive monitoring data in the state
 - Not designed to be a curve fitting model – do not make data fit the curve
 - Not a detailed model on crop rotation
 - Not a good model to explain what is happening in lakes – use BATHTub model for this
 - *For this issue statement – Julie will develop a matrix table and identify where that information would come from, then will send out to the Advisory Committee for comments before actually ranking*
- Discussion regarding the 1W1P process moving forward – Julie's schedule and time requirement proposal, Julie getting information prepped to 50% complete
 - Tara had concerns with the timeline and Julie's schedule – will talk to Julie after meeting to come up with new schedule/plan for moving forward
- July meeting is on hold at this time, may not have enough information ready

Homework:

Will be send out by Julie prior to next meeting.

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, July 24th, 2019 from 9am-noon – Tentative based on whether there is enough material ready

Wednesday, August 28th, 2019 from 9am-noon