

# MEETING NOTES

## One Watershed One Plan

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 9am-noon Advisory Committee Meeting #9

Meeting Location: Sauk Centre City Hall

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### Advisory Committee Members Present:

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Leah Hall (TNC), Ralph Hanson (Pope County LRM), Danielle Anderson (Douglas SWCD), Anna Bosch (MPCA), Matt Bruyette (Stearns SWCD), Dennis Fuchs (Stearns SWCD), Cole Loewen (Stearns County), Karen Voz (MDH), Brad Wozney (BWSR), Holly Kovarik (Pope SWCD), Deja Anton (Todd SWCD), Adam Ossefoort (Todd County), Jason Weinerman (BWSR), Sarah Boser (SRWD)

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### Others Present:

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Julie Blackburn (RESPEC), Matt Bruyette (Stearns SWCD Supervisor), Chuck Uphoff (Stearns SWCD Board)

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### Notes from Meeting:

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- Stream Prioritization Discussion
  - Of the existing metrics being used to prioritize the streams, different metrics work on different scales (subwatershed vs larger scale)
  - Julie explained the “Achievability” metric and how it was developed based on land use/availability
    - A standard suite of BMP’s was used to evaluate this
      - Chuck would like to see information on rotational grazing, thinks this is missing from the plan and needs to be addressed
  - Julie proposed prioritizing based on endpoints
    - Have metrics for implementation
    - How specific do we want the plan to be for prioritizing subwatersheds?
      - Cole: wants to make sure that this planning on a subwatershed level does not get lost throughout the rest of the planning process if we don’t do it now
      - Dennis: data gap – we know what we need to do, but we don’t know why those BMP’s aren’t happening, what are the barriers?
      - Deja: tap into the Technicians at each of the LGUs to answer Dennis’ question – what are landowners giving the Technicians as reasons for not doing projects
    - Decision to use endpoint prioritization as presented during meeting, won’t prioritize the subwatersheds to focus in within the plan
      - Will set up a two year planning cycle to establish subwatershed goals along with an action plan and discuss how that fits into the 10 year plan goals and eventually the long term goals
      - Will need to build in measures of accountability
      - This proposal allows for adaptive management
      - Policy committee will set framework for expectations
- Lake Prioritization Recommendations (Courtesy of Cole)
  - Include Cedar Lake East of Sauk due to group of 8 making it a group of 9 due to ranking value.

- Resource Issue Statements and Goals
  - Groundwater combined into two statements
  - Surface water – for next meeting Julie will work on adding more specific goals and numeric values
  - Altered hydrology: proposal from Julie’s team (RESPEC) will be ready for the next 1W1P meeting
  - Land use issue statement group work

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### Homework:

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Will be send out by Julie prior to next meeting if there is any.

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### Upcoming Meetings:

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Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019: 9am-noon

Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019: 9am-noon – day before Thanksgiving – keep or reschedule?

DECEMBER = TBD