

Sauk River One Watershed, One Plan	Policy Committee Meeting #16	Date: January 4 th , 2021
		Time: 1pm - 4pm
		Location: Remote meeting via WebEx, log-in information below

Facilitator: Sarah Boser/Cole Loewen **Note taker:** Sarah Boser

Invitees: Policy Committee Ken Rutten, Jerry Rapp, Cody Rogahn, Gary Reents, Randy Neumann, Tom Williamson, Steve Notch, Chuck Uphoff, Bill Becker

BWSR Jason Weirnerman, Ed Lenz, Mark Hiles
 , Paul Marston

Consultant / Other Cole Loewen, Sarah Boser, Ralph Hanson, Holly Kovarik, Dennis Fuchs, Danielle Anderson, Scott Henderson, Adam Ossefoort

- Objectives:**
- Set public hearing platform
 - Discuss public comment and responses
 - BWSR Presentation

- Pre-work:**
- Review public comments received and draft responses. Remember, these responses are drafted on your behalf, so you should be comfortable with what they say.

Please bring: 3 ring binder, agenda and supplemental information

Agenda Items

Topic	Lead	Time allotted
✓ Review and Approve Minutes: Commissioner Rogahn made a motion to approve the agenda, 2 nd by Commissioner Notch, passed with all in favor. Motion to approve the minutes by Supervisor Williamson, 2 nd by Commissioner Neumann, motion passed with all in favor. Policy Committee requested to use Zoom for future PC meetings, Sarah will look into this.	Chuck	5 min.
✓ BWSR Presentation: Jason (Board Conservationist) gave a presentation about planning grant requirements and what folks should consider when determining whether to submit plan to BWSR and whether to adopt the plan. Commissioner Rogahn asked about match funding, and about the original memorandum of understanding for the planning process. Supervisor Rutten asked for clarification on the difference between county funding and Clean Water Funds and whether that will remain separate from watershed based funding. Commissioner Rapp: does the Board for the 1W1P have a checkbook that they use to make the payments? Jason explained the fiscal agent role (in this case, Stearns County). Commissioner Rapp: The money in that checkbook would need to be approved by the county board, right? Jason explained that when the workplan is approved,	Jason	30 min.

<p>spending money on the items within the workplan would be approved. Commissioner Neumann: would like to add a clause for the county to leave the agreement. Jason clarified that the language for that is already within the Joint Powers Collaborative Agreement. Commissioner Neumann would also like to have the Policy Committee approval required for tax increases for water quality projects. Cole and Jason clarified this and also clarified that individual partners retain their taxing authorities, and that the individual partners do not need approval from the Policy Committee or other partners to utilize their taxing authorities.</p>		
<p>✓ Set public hearing platform (Jan. 28th, 2021, 6:30pm), discuss noticing of hearing: Manager Becker and Supervisor Uphoff don't love having the hearing remotely, but think we need to keep the date to keep moving forward. Zoom with telephone option would be the preferred platform for a remote hearing. Manager Becker made a motion for Zoom as the public hearing platform, 2nd by Supervisor Reents. Motion passed with all in favor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any other agency holding a separate hearing? No one planning to host a separate hearing. ○ Review process from now until the hearing: Cole provided a review of this process. 	Cole, Sarah	15 min.
<p>✓ Discuss public comments received and draft responses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any questions on these? ○ Identify changes the PC would like to see to the responses provided. No changes provided by the PC. ○ Discuss Steering Committee Feedback 	Sarah	120 min.
<p>✓ Meeting adjourned at 15:07pm.</p>		

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Monday, January 4, 2021 1:00 pm, Central Standard Time (Chicago, GMT-06:00)

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Process Norms

- Follow Robert's Rules of Order
- Everyone will contribute to the conversation
- Strive for consensus and support the final outcomes/decisions
- Decisions will be based in sound science
- All voices count. All opinions are valid, but offer reasoning behind your thinking
- Ask clarifying questions to seek further understanding
- Note-taker is to capture highlights of the discussion and decisions made, but not detailed minutes

Preparation Norms

- Meetings will start / end on time
- Members will complete pre-work, read materials, and be prepared to meet
- Request additional information prior to meeting if necessary
- Clear deadlines for assigned tasks to members will be determined; strive to meet them (both in developing materials and responding/providing feedback)

Communication Norms

- Be respectful and promote open communication
- Listen to understand
- Respect each other's opinions
- Stay on topic and pay attention
- Silence phones and exercise proper meeting decorum