

Sauk River One Watershed, One Plan	Policy Committee Meeting #15	Date: December 14 th , 2020
		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 Weinerman, Brad Wozney
	Consultant / Other	Paul Marston Dennis Fuchs, Holly Kovarik, Deja Anton, Cole Loewen, Sarah Boser, Scott Henderson

- Objectives:**
- Set public hearing
 - Discuss public comment
 - Review JPC Agreement
 - Discuss questions/concerns with Plan itself

- Pre-work:**
- Be prepared to discuss questions and concerns you have with the JPC Agreement and the Plan document

Please bring: 3 ring binder, agenda and supplemental information

Agenda Items

Topic	Lead	Time allotted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review and Approve Minutes: Supervisor Uphoff took roll call to see who was all on the meeting. Missing Commissioner Rogahn, who was able to join later. Supervisor Uphoff asked for approval of agenda – motion: Tom Williamson to approve agenda. Bill 2nd. No comments, motion approved. Meeting minutes: Motion to approve: Bill. 2nd: Tom Williamson. No questions/comments, minutes approved. ✓ Supervisor Uphoff encouraged all to bring concerns, questions, etc. to attention of the committee today. 	Chuck	5 min.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discuss public comment process, comments received so far Supervisor Rutten: concerns from landowner near Melrose on CD9, will send them to Sarah. Commissioner Rapp: 180 day comment to BWSR to withdraw without being charged back fees. (Jason addressed this explaining process from here forward to move to plan approval – 120 days for each partner to adopt the plan as their water management plan once the plan is approved by BWSR. Jason also explained what not adopting the plan means). Commissioner Rapp: Is not ok with not having a public meeting on the plan – Sarah and Jason explained that the public hearing will be 	Sarah	15 min.

<p>held after the public comment period is over. Commissioner Rapp also expressed concern about paying for plan implementation (from Julie) – does not want to go back to the taxpayers to make them pay for projects – Sarah and Jason explained funding options. Commissioner Rapp: Manager and Secretary to run the collaborative - Cole explained what it currently envisioned in the draft agreement for the collaborative, what it could look like to hire an employee for the 1W1P coordination or fiscal agent, and how that would be funded. Commissioner Rapp: Was under the impression that we were creating a collaborative effort, not a joint powers. Cole explained the difference between the joint powers collaborative and a joint powers entity – the Sauk River Watershed Policy Committee has selected a JPC, NOT a JPE. Commissioner Rapp: Will there be regular PC meetings? Yes. Cole explained per the draft agreement for the collaborative the PC will meet not less than quarterly. Commissioner Rapp: SRWD meetings are muted, cannot ask questions. Does not want this with the PC. Supervisor Uphoff noted that has not been the case with PC meetings nor is that planned for future meetings. Commissioner Notch recommended that Commissioner Rapp discuss concerns regarding SRWD Board meetings and the desire to provide comment with Scott, the SRWD Administrator. Commissioner Rapp: Manager and Secretary – would temp agencies be able to fit this? Does not want insurance and vacation and hoopla with employees. Multiple individuals noted the plan going forward is for two members to utilize existing staff to fulfill these roles for the collaborative, and at a future date if addition staffing capacity is warranted that would be discussed by the PC. Commissioner Rapp: More discussion on wanting the flexibility to withdraw from the partnership – thinks the extra layer of government is unnecessary. Supervisor Rutten: How much will our funding be cut in percentage if we opt out? Jason Weirnerman clarified that as long as a valid water plan is being implemented, all existing funding streams remain. Only the watershed-based funding from BWSR is directly tied to having an adopted 1W1P. For the Sauk River Watershed, the current watershed-based funding projection is \$832,550 for FY20-21. Rutten: Where is the money really coming from for this plan? This plan is funded through tax dollars through Clean Water Funds. BWSR staff noted that on average, the cost spread for a typical on-the-ground project is 15-20% for technical, engineering, admin, etc.,</p>		
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and 80-85% toward labor & materials. District Manager Anton concurred with those figures.		
✓ Set public hearing: date, time, platform: Sarah explained the requirements. Supervisor Uphoff doesn't mind virtual, Commissioner Rapp prefers in person. Commissioner Neumann would prefer in person. Decide date and time for meeting today, decide platform at January 4 th meeting. Public Hearing Date for 1W1P: Thursday, January 28 th , at 6:30pm – in favor of this for public hearing: all in favor. Possibly Freeport Community Center, with call-in option.	Cole, Sarah	30 min.
✓ Discuss questions/concerns with the plan itself: Commissioner Rapp: 350 pages (too long), and feels that this causes the plan to lose directive. CIPs – most hurtful to individuals, can be unfair, large assessments. Enforcement is scary. (Supervisor Uphoff).	Sarah	45 min.
✓ Review Joint Powers Collaborative Agreement page by page: Cole went through the document asking for comments on each page. No comments on pages 1-6, on page 7, Cole explained changes that were made: per Advisory Committee recommendation, no local contribution language. Cole also reviewed reassignment of plan coordinator and fiscal agent timeframe of 4 years. Commissioner Rapp asked about a sunset clause, Cole will work with Stearns County Assistant Attorney on adding language on amending the agreement in the future in place of a sunset clause. Commissioner Notch asked about funding the Plan Coordinator's and Fiscal Agent's time – up to 10% of grant funding can be used for their time. Cole noted the next steps for the agreement will be for him to add the amendment provision to the agreement, then he will send the draft to each PC member. Each PC member will then send the draft to their legal counsel for review. Any questions legal counsel has can be sent to Cole or to the Stearns County Assistant Attorney. The agreement does not need to go before individual boards until the plan has been adopted or is under consideration.	Cole	45 min.
✓ Grant Extended to March 31 st , 2020, less than \$8,000 remaining in budget. Sarah made this announcement, Supervisor Uphoff asked if there was sufficient funds to finish the plan. Sarah explained that if major changes were needed, funding to complete those additional changes would be needed.	Sarah	5 min.

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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