

SAUK RIVER WATERSHED ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Policy Committee of the Sauk River Watershed One Watershed One Plan Planning Partnership (Douglas County, Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District/SWCD, Pope County, Pope SWCD, Sauk River Watershed District, Stearns County, Stearns SWCD, Todd County, and Todd SWCD) will hold a public hearing January 28th, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Due to the COVID- 19 Pandemic and current Emergency Executive Orders, the hearing will be held remotely by telephone and video teleconference. The purpose of the hearing is to consider and take comments on the Sauk River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, a 10-year plan to address water quality and quantity, soil conservation, project and program implementation and funding for such activities within the Sauk River watershed).

This 10-year plan proposes to replace the existing management plans for each of the partner organizations. The plan summarizes existing scientific data about the water resources within the watershed, and proposes implementation projects, potential regulatory actions, data collection needs, and the creation of a watershed wide citizenship and targeted civic engagement and outreach program. The plan states quantifiable goals for the partners, with a vision statement of, “A resilient landscape that balances a healthy ecosystem with a vibrant economy for generations to come”. This planning effort was completed through the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) One Watershed One Plan program. The plan will provide the partners with Watershed Based Funding through BWSR, while also allowing the partners to apply for additional state and federal grant and loan funds.

The Sauk River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, public comments received, and responses to those public comments are available for review on the Sauk River Watershed District website: www.srwdmn.org in the Announcements section.

To attend and participate in the public hearing, you may join by computer:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89478224502?pwd=QzF6ajFKUVJjYjZxVGliQ3FsTTlnUT09>

or by phone:
1.312.626.6799

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Meeting ID: 894 7822 4502
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