



Sauk River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

Policy Committee/Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 17th, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.

Sauk River Watershed District Office

In attendance:

PC: Chuck Uphoff, Bill Becker, Steve Notch, Tom Williamson, D. Gary Reents, Ken Rutten, Jerry Rapp (Quorum)

TAC & Others: Steve Zeece III, Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Danielle Anderson, Jason Weirnerman, Kyle Blazek, Becky Schlorf, Jon Roeschlein, Tim Kalina

Meeting called to order by Chairman Uphoff at 1:00pm

Introductions were held.

Review of previous meeting minutes:

Rapp motioned, 2nd by Rutten to approve previous meeting minutes.

Fiscal Agent report

- Becky Schlorf, Stearns County, provided a fiscal report, detailing expenses and encumbrances from each of the 11 WBIF Grant Objectives.
- **CRP Incentives Pilot Grant Update-** Implementation Team will draft workplan to be reviewed by the Policy Committee at the next scheduled meeting on February 15th, 2024.
- **FY22-23 BWSR WBIF Supplemental Funding-** Overview- BSWR has \$7.75 million in leftover WBIF funding that was not been allocated in the fiscal year 2022-2023.
 - BWSR has opened this funding for applications to Collaboratives whom have completed 10-year Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans.
 - The Implementation Team is seeking approval from the Policy committee to apply, in order to fund projects that did not make the cut in either the 22-23 or 24-25 biennium workplans.

Becker motioned with 2nd by Notch for Collaborative to apply for BWSR FY 22-23 WBIF supplemental funding.

Notch requested we provide the PC update on workplan and projects proposed for funding prior to submittal date of January 8th, 2024.



Education and Outreach Update-

Stephanie H. Stearns SWCD- Provided an overview of the education and outreach activities and planning efforts.

Citizen Norms Survey Next steps-

Chairman Uphoff described the social changes witnessed as and accredited these change to the E&O Sub-Committee and efforts. Stearns County has observed an increase in interest from landowners regarding cover crops, shoreline restoration/enhancement,

FY 2024-2025 Biennial Workplan-

Discussion around line item funding St. Cloud Street Sweeper. Roeschlein suggested inviting the city of St. Clouds Stormwater Program Manager to the next PC meeting to discuss the cities efforts and results.

Discussion around line item 20- Agricultural Waste Management- Douglas SWCD in the Osakis area.

Reents motioned to approve workplan and bring to each collab members Boards for approval, Notch Seconded. Motion Carried.

Chairman Uphoff reported the he will be retiring in 2024- The SCRWMP Policy Committee will need to appoint a New Chair Person next year.

Discussion around mapping error with Mississippi River and Sauk River and St Cloud. A member of the group reported the Miss-River St Cloud Partnership may request re-determination of benefits that would add an area of St Cloud to the Sauk River Watershed. This may require an amendment to the 10-year Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. No actions are needed at this time.

Next Meeting Date- February 15, 2024

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Uphoff at 1:45 pm.