

Sauk River CWMP

Implementation Team Meeting

MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Location: August 28th, 2024; Sauk River Watershed District Office

Time: 9 AM to noon

Invitees

Noah Czech (St Cloud), Adam Ossefoort (Todd Co), Danielle Anderson (Douglas SWCD), Dave Rush (Douglas County), Deja Anton (Todd SWCD), Dennis Fuchs (Stearns SWCD), Jon Roeschlein (SRWD), Holly Kovarik (Pope SWCD), Ralph Hanson (Pope Co), Becky Schlorf (Stearns Co Env), Zach Guttormson (BWSR) Brittany Lenzmeier (Stearns SWCD), Drew Kessler (Houston Engineering), Jerome Haggemiller (Douglas SWCD), Kyle Weimann (Stearns SWCD), Jason Weinerman (BWSR), Brad Wozney (BWSR), Jessica Albertsen (Douglas SWCD), Nicole Brede (Pope SWCD), Sarah Katterhagen (Todd SWCD), Allison Lightfoot (SRWD), Chad Martini (Chad.Martini@co.stearns.mn.us); Dave Orłowski (Pope Co), Nancy Uhlenkamp (Todd Co), Tom Anderson (Douglas/Todd Co Ag & Drainage), Stephanie Hatzenbihler (Stearns SWCD), Abigail Parker (SRWD)

Attendees:

Steve Zeece (SRWD), Jason Weinerman (BWSR) Adam Ossefoort (Todd), Tim Kalina (Douglas Co), Jon Roeschlein (SRWD), Abi Parker (SRWD), Danielle Anderson (Douglas SWCD), Stephanie Hatzenbihler (Stearns SWCD).

Online via Teams: Allison Lightfoot. SRWD

1. Previous Meeting Notes

- No revisions to previous notes.

2. Fiscal Agent Updates:

- Steve showed the updated summary spreadsheet in Becky's absence as attached below.

**WATERSHED BASED IMPLEMENTATION FUNDS and SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS
Budget & Expense Report
FY2022-2023**

As of July 31, 2024 - updated 08/15/2024
FY22-23 Grant Required Match is 10%
\$ 113,682.10

This budget & expense report reflects allocations & encumbrances processed by the fiscal agent, as well as actual expenditures paid. See "Object7-11 Details" sheet for details on allocations & encumbrances. See "Expense Tracker" for more information.

WBIF GRANT ACTIVITY	SOURCE	GRANT BUDGET	SUM OF ALLOCATIONS + ENCUMBRANCES	SUM OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES PAID TO DATE	ALLOCATIONS/ ENCUMBRANCES + ACTUALS	BUDGET REMAINING	PERCENT SPENT & ENCUMBERED	BUDGETED WBIF MATCH	COMMITTED WBIF MATCH	ACTUAL WBIF MATCH TO DATE
Objective 1: Admin/Coord	WBIF State Grant	\$ 93,731.80		\$ 55,185.11		\$ 38,546.69	59%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 2: Project Development	WBIF State Grant	\$ 54,000.00		\$ 40,015.80		\$ 13,984.20	74%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 3: Supplies/Equipment	WBIF State Grant	\$ 16,000.00		\$ -		\$ 16,000.00	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 4: Planning/Assessment	WBIF State Grant	\$ 260,389.47		\$ 17,612.65		\$ 242,776.82	7%	\$ 175,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 5: Education/Information	WBIF State Grant	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 25,711.26	\$ 31,911.26	\$ 18,088.74	64%	\$ 3,808.53	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,865.58
Objective 6: Technical/Engineering	WBIF State Grant	\$ 138,489.20		\$ 20,147.39		\$ 118,341.81	15%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 7: Agricultural Practices	WBIF State Grant	\$ 117,600.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 8,687.00	\$ 51,687.00	\$ 65,913.00	44%	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 19,589.00	\$ 19,569.00
Objective 8: Conservation Drainage	WBIF State Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 9: Livestock Waste Management	WBIF State Grant	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	100%	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 7,375.00	\$ -
Objective 10: Non-Structural Management Practices	WBIF State Grant	\$ 30,875.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,875.00	49%	\$ 25,437.50	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 11: Streambank or Shoreland Protection	WBIF State Grant	\$ 340,735.53	\$ 69,058.78	\$ 105,763.00	\$ 174,821.78	\$ 165,913.75	51%	\$ 62,491.09	\$ 58,116.09	\$ 38,079.25
Objective 13: Urban Stormwater Management	WBIF State Grant	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ 1,136,821.00	\$ 158,258.78	\$ 273,122.21	\$ 431,380.99	\$ 705,440.01	38%	\$ 297,187.12	\$ 86,280.09	\$ 62,513.83

Interest Earned (not budgeted) \$ 24,537.57

MATCH (actual) \$ 62,513.83
DIFF (planned match) \$ (234,673.29)
DIFF (required match) \$ (51,168.27)

3. Land Stewardship Plan – Stephanie provided a discussion regarding the Land Stewardship Plan process and the potential benefits to having such a plan. She asked if the Implementation Team was interested in pursuing this effort. If so, she will continue gathering the information and bring back more details for a discussion at a future meeting. She will share a plan that is complete for the team to review.

4. FY 24 and FY 25 CRP Incentives Resolutions

Steve led discussion reminding folks to get these resolutions on the next collaborative member’s board meeting agendas for approval.

Concerns were raised about using the collaborative logo on the resolution documents and folks were in agreement that the logo should be on the documents along with each collaborative member’s logo.

5. Project reviews

Todd SWCD presented a project for review – Lindquist Shoreline Project, FY 24 WBIF. The team reviewed the project and by consensus approved the project to encumber the funds upon satisfactory review by the plan coordinator.

Friendly reminder – Typically the Fiscal Agent and Plan Coordinator have 15 days to conduct their review before the Implementation Team. When possible, team members should

follow the process as much as possible, recognizing there will be a potential need to make an exception.

Stearns SWCD noted the status of some of the projects they have on the list.

6. General Updates

a. Implementation Tracking Tool Development

- Ben Ruley will be present at the September 28th Implementation Team Meeting to give a demonstration. Allow for an hour to hour and a half.

b. Getchell

- Funding is approved, \$1.9M to work on the project. SRWD is working through some logistics with landowners and drainage law compliance.

c. JD2 Project Team & USACE Alternatives Analysis

- Crooked Lake Projects – Design is underway and working through the detailed logistics to accommodate the drainage authority needs, WCA requirements, landowner needs, etc. Operable structures are planned for better management of water levels. Keeping the landowners informed along the way. The SRWD Board needs to review the plans and agree as well. Adjusting the plan to get 2 of the 3 projects due to budget constraints.
- USACE PAS Alternatives Analysis data is being assembled for submittal to the USACE for input into the lake response model. Preliminary data has identified some sediment loading hotspots and will share more once the data has been finalized.
- Drone work is next on the plan to identify erosion areas in the channel of JD #2 with ground survey to quantify bank erosion.

d. Education and Outreach Updates

- Committee is focusing in on cover crops being the first behavior to work on creating a “Norm” to pursue moving forward.

e. Regulatory Review

- Policy Committee approved the scope. RFPs are being sent out within the next 30 days and hoping to have some results by the next Implementation Team meeting. SRWD is interested in monitoring the regulatory review process and their rules committee is authorized to listen in on the discussions that will be held during the process.

Upcoming Policy Committee Agenda Items - The Implementation Team discussed items for the upcoming Policy Committee Agenda:

- Regulatory Review
- Virtual Meeting Policy Proposals
- Tracking Tool Update

Close out and Next Meeting – Suggested to adjust the implementation team meetings in October and November. Stephanie will send out a Doodle Poll to get the favored date changes. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next meeting: September 25th, 2024, 9:00 a.m., SRWD Board Room, w/ virtual option.

