



# Sauk River CWMP

## Implementation Team Meeting

### MEETING INFORMATION

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**Date and Location:** September 27th, 2023; Sauk River Watershed District

**Time:** 9AM to noon

**Invitees:** Dave Rush, Danielle Anderson, Jerome Haggemiller, Ralph Hanson, Holly Kovarik, Becky Schlorf, Dennis Fuchs, Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Deja Anton, Kyle Weimann, Lisa Vollbrecht, Kyle Blazek, Jon Roeschlein, Adam Ossefoort, Jason Weinerman, Brad Wozney, Adam Hjelm, Steve Zeece III

**Attendees:** **In person:** Jon Roeschlein, Jason Weinerman, Kyle Blazek, Becky Schlorf, Danielle Anderson, Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Steve Zeece III, Jon Roeschlein, Adam Ossefoort, Allison Lightfoot

**Online:** Adam Hjelm

## Meeting Notes

### Previous meeting notes:

- No revisions to previous notes.

### Other:

- Addition of FY 22-23 reallocation to the agenda. This should be a priority for the October meeting.
- The group made a decision to move next meeting to October 23 at 9:00, instead of the 25<sup>th</sup>, as it conflicts with BWSR Academy.
- The group also agreed to move the November meeting to the 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, to avoid conflict with the holiday.

### Technical/Engineering Assistance:

- Todd SWCD requested reimbursement for TAE on a project that has not come before this committee.
  - Reimbursement has been paid out for this project previously.
- Douglas SWCD recalls funding can only be reimbursed for projects that are approved in the workplan and are complete.
- Per BSWR BC, if project aligns with priority areas and intent of the workplan, but falls through for whatever reason, it is up to partnership to determine if expenses are reimbursable.
- Discussion around how 20% cost share is calculated/determined from Fiscal Agent perspective → it is based on the amount approved by this group in the workplan but on a project basis.
- Will need to change language on Cost Share item 6. Procedure for Reimbursement- this section states the project and payment voucher are completed.
- If a project falls through, after TAE expenses have been incurred, the current language prevents these costs from being reimbursed.

- Motion by Stephanie H. to strike language “as long as the project and payment voucher are complete”.  
Seconded by Adam O.. All In favor- motion carries.

**Next Biennial Workplan:** Must be complete at least one week prior to Policy Committee on November 16th.

- We received FINAL notice the next biennium budget is \$1.212865 million.
- The group discussed and agreed the final DRAFT workplan will be brought to the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Policy Committee meeting on November 16th.
- Group agreed to change “6 priority management units” to watershed wide for each member 16k project development funding.
- 60k remaining under budget at the start of this meeting.
- The SRWD added 75k back into the street sweeper for the city of St Cloud prior to this meeting. No objections from the group.
  - Discussion around highest ROI from street sweeping for phosphorous, nutrient, and sediment reductions.
  - City of St Cloud applied for CWF grant to fund this street sweeper. If awarded, this 75K from this can be reallocated through a workplan amendment.
- Douglas SWCD 3 highlight projects; cut a total of 70k previously. Request approved to increase funding by 20k, from \$120,000 to \$140,000.
- Douglas SWCD’s other 2 highlighted projects will remain at the same funding request.
- Increase of 20% (\$4k) to TAE for Douglas SWCD.
- Flow trackers installation and hydrograph systems for public drainage system monitoring. CWMP calls for \$15k/year to acquire and install monitoring system to develop rating curves to identify where storage areas are most needed.
  - CD6 and CD96 are sites aligned with CWMP.
  - Question about how monitoring equipment aligns with Clean Water goals of the CWMP—Helps refine areas where storage areas are needed per CWMP
  - Question about will data be utilized to develop modeling along with new Lidar survey in priority areas identified in the CWMP.
- Big Sauk Lake Invasive Species Management (common carp). Per BC Lake management plan must be complete prior to funding being dedicated. One time treatment eligible, ongoing O&M ineligible for funding.
  - Recommendation to review projects that were previously removed before adding new projects. Consider funding Big Sauk AIS Management with FY22-23 reallocation.
- Todd County JD2 Outlet wetland restoration/enhancement design by USFWS John Reins.
  - SRWD has applied for LSOHC funding for this project.—Hold off on this until OHF award is known by end of October.
- Admin and Coordination received \$190.00 to balance budget.
- Discussion around who will draft and submit workplan. Last time Cole authored because previous SRWD WRM was in process of vacating position. Jon/SRWD can put together, but Stearns County, as the Official Fiscal Agent, will review plan in Elink and Submit.
- Workplan must be ready for Policy Committee on Nov 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Questions and discussion around if all Collaborative Member Boards needing to formally approve the workplan after the Policy Committee. Group recalls, **YES**, the workplan must be approved by each partner. Fiscal Agent will confirm in bylaws.



**(From prior meetings) MPCA Tableau Instructions:**

- Pollutant reduction in MPCA Tableau is to be calculated from **HUC 12**. The following process was agreed to be followed in selecting the parameters for reduction estimates:
  - Standards for using MPCA's Watershed Pollutant Reduction Calculator (using Tableau software)
    - **Select a watershed** = Sauk
    - **Select a pollutant** = user decides
    - **Select pollutant delivery point** = Subwatershed Outlet (HUC12)
    - **In the map**, select the HUC12 subwatershed the activity will be located in.
    - **Enter acres of new BMPs below** = user decides
      - Note: User must enter the # of acres based on the number of acres treated by the activity, not the size of the activity.
- Pollutant reduction inputs and outputs should be screenshotted and saved in case BWSR identifies a significant outlier at the time of submittal.

**(From Prior Meetings) Spreadsheet Work:**

The group agreed to keep the existing targeting approach, the same as last biennium. The targeting approach can be referenced on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> tabs of the [2022.05.20 - Sauk River CWMP Prioritization Scheme Spreadsheet for Biennial Workplan.xlsx](#).

**General updates:**

- Project Tracking Tool Progress
  - Stearns will begin development in late September.
- Outreach and Education:
  - No updates to report
- Crooked Lake/JD2
  - Kick-off meeting recently held in middle September.
  - Design work continuing on SRWD's Wetland Enhancement projects
- Getchell Creek
  - OHC Public hearing proposal went well. In a waiting phase until we know how much will be awarded for proposed project.
  - Working with Stearns SWCD to permanently protect adjacent lands.

**Reallocation of FY22-23 funds.**

- Budget remaining of 618k plus additional interest accrued of roughly \$12-13k (outstanding invoices may reduce this remaining funding).
- SRWD could potentially use as match for USACE PAS- need \$240k total
- Stearns SWCD has half a dozen projects that could utilize reallocated funds.
- Question for BWSR BC if Professional services (engineers) can help us develop hydrographs. **YES**
- Discussion around interest earned in grant agreement. BWSR BC- It is up to the SRWC how to handle interest earned.
- Well Sealing- BWSR recommendation for SRWC to apply for CWF well sealing grants.



### **CRP Incentives Pilot Program/Fiscal Agent Agreement-**

- Will go before Stearns County Board on October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Stearns County Will Apply for CRP incentives pilot grant for the Collaborative
- Recommendation from BWSR BC to check in with Meeker County to see if they want to sign the Collaborative Agreement and Adopt the SAUK CWMP

### **Fiscal Updates**

- Fiscal agent referred the team to the share point site as the fiscal report is posted there.

**Close out and next meeting (October 23, 2023, 9am)**