



Sauk River CWMP Implementation Team Meeting

MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Location: November 20th, 2023; Sauk River Watershed District

Time: 1:00-4:00 pm

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, Zach Guttormson

Attendees: **In person:** Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Deja Anton, Danielle Anderson, Adam Hjelm, Becky Schlorf, Lisa Vollbrecht, Kyle Blazek, Jon Roeschlein, Jason Weinerman (BWSR)

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

- The committee reviewed the previous meeting notes and had no corrections. Stephanie is working on updates/revisions to the forms discussed at the October meeting.
- **The reallocation of FY22-23 Funds** was discussed. The group agreed to discuss again at this meeting. By consensus, the group agreed to schedule this discussion for the March, 2024 Implementation Team Meeting.
- **WBIF Supplemental Funding:** Becky pulled up the application form and worked through recording the request amounts as we spoke about them and agreed to include them. Items to be included are listed below:
 - \$155,000 – SRWD - BSLA Carp Management Program (Jon to check to be sure match is accounted for)
 - \$250,000 – SRWD – To be used for the non-federal match for the USACE Planning Assistance to States grant for JD #2 Alternative Analysis work.
 - \$75,000 – SRWD – City of St. Cloud Street Sweeper acquisition
 - \$130,000 – Todd SWCD – Little Birch Lake BMPs
 - \$60,000 – Stearns SWCD – Shoreline work – outside of priority areas
 - \$15,000 – Stearns SWCD – Urban Stormwater, Sauk Centre High School
 - \$60,000 – Stearns SWCD – Ag BMPs – Outside of priority areas
 - \$30,000 – Stearns SWCD – Landscape Stewardship Plan
 - \$10,000 – Watershed Wide – Abandoned Well Sealing Cost Share Program
 - \$50,000 – Stearns SWCD – Ag Waste Pit Closure
 - Total request \$835,000.

The Team agreed to this list by consensus.

- **Outreach and Education update.** Stephanie provided an update to the Policy Committee of the work the E & O committee is doing. The policy committee had much positive feedback for the committee.
- **SRWD Update** – Joint easement project on one of the Crooked Lake restoration sites – Met with landowner that holds a WRP easement on his property adjacent to the SRWD Easement property. Joint project was well received by the landowner.
- **St Cloud Updates** – updating their source water protection plan.
 - Pantown Resiliency Project Report received. Flooding issues common here. Projects have been identified to address flooding issues. Electrolux has been sold and future development will trigger the new development code to manage the stormwater.
- **CRP Incentives Pilot Program-** Becky discussed the CRP Incentives program and inviting the farm program specialist to our January Imp Team meeting to discuss the CRP Program to assist us with the CRP Incentives Grant. We will need a workplan for the grant. Before signing the grant agreement, there is a need to determine the needs for the funds. The Team needs to determine the priority areas and rates for the workplan. Need to have the workplan ready for PC approval in February. The group agreed to have a CRP incentives Policy draft for discussion, mainly to include rates and maximum acres/contract for the December Implementation Team meeting discussion.
 - Potential language “The SR Collaboration will target the CRP Incentive program in High Priority areas within the watershed.” It was discussed to use \$100/acre with some sort of cap so one enrollment doesn’t use all the funds.
 - Discussion will continue in December to develop the language. Jason provided some guidance documents.
- **Todd SWCD Pit Closure-**Deja discussed the pit closure project that she will need an amendment to return to the original \$25K appropriate for the project as they are experiencing some overruns due to unforeseen issues on site. She was instructed to upload all the amendment forms to the sharepoint for review.
- **Watershed Boundary Redetermination-**There is an apparent watershed boundary issue in St. Cloud between the Mississippi and the Sauk. It is to be placed on the agenda for detailed discussion in December as it may have significant effect on being able to spend WBIF allocations. Either Becky or Jon will reach out to BWSR for guidance on what is needed to process this correction.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 20th, 2023, to begin at 12:00 noon.