



# Sauk River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

Policy Committee meeting  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 1-3 pm  
Sauk River Watershed District Office

## In attendance:

**Policy Committee:** Chuck Uphoff, Bill Becker, Randy Neumann, Steve Notch, Tom Williamson, D. Gary Reents, Ken Rutten, Tim Kalina

**Implementation Team:** Steve Zeece III, Deja Anton, Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Danielle Anderson, Jason Weinerman, Kyle Blazek, Becky Schlorf, Jon Roeschlein, Tom Anderson, Nicky Blake-Bradley, Jeffrey Weiss.

## Meeting called to order by Chairman Uphoff at 1:05pm

### Review of previous meeting minutes:

- Minutes approved with the corrections noted by Uphoff including editing to “BWSR” from ~~“BSWR”~~ and Uphoff’s Title change from ~~“Commissioner”~~ to “Chairman”. Motion by Commissioner Notch, Second by Manager Becker.
  - All in favor.

### Fiscal Agent report

- Becky Schlorf, Stearns County, provided a fiscal report/update, detailing expenses and encumbrances from each of the 11 WBIF Grant Objectives .
- Fiscal Agent Report approved upon motion by Manager Becker, Second by Commissioner Neumann.
  - All in favor.

### Appointment of New Officers

- Commissioner **Notch** nominated for **Chairman** of the PC. Motion by Commissioner Kalina, second by Supervisor Rutten that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous Ballot for Commissioner Notch as Chairman.
  - All in favor.
- Commissioner **Neumann** nominated for **Vice Chairman** of the PC. Motion by Uphoff, Second by Reents that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous Ballot for Commissioner Neumann as Vice Chairman.
  - All in favor.
- Manager **Becker** nominated for **Secretary** of the PC. Motion by Supervisor Uphoff, Second by Commissioner Kalina that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous Ballot for Manager Becker as Secretary.
  - All in favor.



- Ex-Officio Member of the Implementation Team. Chairman Notch appointed Commissioner **Rapp** as the **Ex-Officio Member to the Implementation Team** and Commissioner **Kalina** as the **alternate**.
  - The contact list on the SharePoint site will be updated to reflect the new officer position appointments.

#### **FY2022-2023 WBIF Supplemental Funds Workplan**

- Motion by Supervisor Uphoff, Second by Supervisor Rutten to approve the Supplemental WBIF Workplan and recommend all collaborative members adopt resolution to approve.
  - All in favor.

#### **FY2022-2023 WBIF Biennial Workplan Amendment**

- Motion by Manager Becker, Second by Supervisor Reents to approve the reallocation in the FY 22-23 Biennial Workplan and recommend all collaborative members adopt a resolution to approve.
  - All in favor.

#### **SRW Collaborative Cost-Share Policy -Technical Engineering Assistance (TEA) language addition**

- Motion by Supervisor Uphoff, Second by Supervisor Rutten to add the following language to the cost share policy.
  - “For projects where TEA exceeds 20%, the LGU may request reimbursement for this overage through the Implementation Team provided there are TEA funds unencumbered in the WBIF. The Implementation Team will consider these requests on a case by case basis.”
  - All in favor.

#### **Education and Outreach Committee**

- Motion by Manager Becker, second by Supervisor Uphoff, to formally establish the Education and Outreach (E&O) Committee. The E&O Committee will be provided one seat on the Implementation Team. E&O Committee is authorized to use the recommended procedures in the interim until the policy language is adopted at the May 2024 PC meeting.
  - All in favor.

#### **CRP Incentives Pilot Program Workplan**

- Motion by Supervisor Uphoff, second by Supervisor Rutten to approve the workplan and recommend all collaborative members adopt a resolution to approve.
  - All in favor.



### **Mississippi River-St Cloud Partnership & Sauk River Watershed Collaborative Boundary Alignment**

- Motion by Supervisor Uphoff, Second by Supervisor Reents the SRWC Policy Committee recommends the following: The Sauk River Watershed Collaborative (SRWC) Policy Committee not seek a boundary adjustment for the Sauk River CWMP from the existing Sauk River HUC 8 boundary and direct the Plan Coordinator to communicate this to the MRSC Policy Committee.
  - All in Favor
- Commissioner Neumann found some interesting historical files for the St Cloud area and asked the group for leads or recommendations for where to take them so they are preserved. It was indicated that someone would provide him with contact information for the History Center.

### **Next Meeting Date- 5/16/2024 1-3 pm**

- Commissioner Notch asked to add an open discussion forum agenda item to all future PC meetings to facilitate discussion of other topics of relevance to the Sauk River Watershed Collaborative.
- Motion by Manager Becker, Second by Supervisor Uphoff, to adjourn. 2:05 p.m.