

Sauk River CWMP Implementation Team Meeting

MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Location: April 24th, 2024; Sauk River Watershed District Office

Time: 9AM to noon

Invitees: Dave Rush, Danielle Anderson, Ralph Hanson, Holly Kovarik, Becky Schlorf, Dennis Fuchs, Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Deja Anton, Kyle Weimann, Lisa Vollbrecht, Jon Roeschlein, Adam Ossefoort, Jason Weinerman, Brad Wozney, Abigail Parker, Steve Zeece III, Kyle Blazek, Zach Guttormson, Brad Wozney, Jerry Rapp -Ex Officio (Tim Kalina- Ex Officio Alternate)

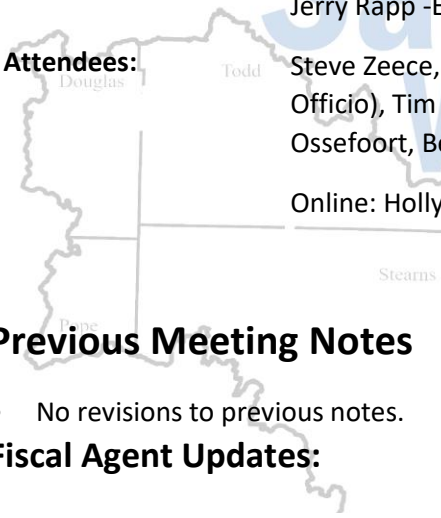
Attendees: Steve Zeece, Jason Weinermann (BWSR), Jerry Rapp (Policy Committee Ex Officio), Tim Kalina (Ex Officio Alternate), Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Adam Ossefoort, Becky Schlorf, Danielle Anderson, Abi Parker, Jon Roeschlein

Online: Holly Kovarik

Previous Meeting Notes

- No revisions to previous notes.

Fiscal Agent Updates:



WATERSHED BASED IMPLEMENTATION FUNDS Budget & Expense Report FY2022-2023

As of March 2024 - updated 04/16/2024

FY22-23 Grant Required Match is 10%
\$ 83,255.00

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		\$ 44,837.57		\$ 48,894.23	48%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 2: Project Development	WBIF State Grant	\$ 54,000.00		\$ 38,444.44		\$ 15,555.56	71%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 3: Supplies/Equipment	WBIF State Grant	\$ 16,000.00		\$ -		\$ 16,000.00	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 4: Planning/Assessment	WBIF State Grant	\$ 85,000.00		\$ 8,210.25		\$ 76,789.75	10%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 5: Education/Information	WBIF State Grant	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,711.26	\$ 25,711.26	\$ 24,288.74	51%	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,865.58
Objective 6: Technical/Engineering	WBIF State Grant	\$ 109,218.20		\$ 20,147.39		\$ 89,070.81	18%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 7: Agricultural Practices	WBIF State Grant	\$ 87,600.00	\$ -	\$ 8,687.00	\$ 8,687.00	\$ 78,913.00	10%	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 19,589.00	\$ 19,569.00
Objective 8: Conservation Drainage	WBIF State Grant	\$ 35,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,250.00	0%	\$ 14,250.00	\$ -	\$ -
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	\$ 51,750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,750.00	0%	\$ 25,437.50	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 11: Streambank or Shoreland Protection	WBIF State Grant	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 67,558.78	\$ 105,763.00	\$ 173,321.78	\$ 51,678.22	77%	\$ 65,385.25	\$ 58,116.09	\$ 38,079.25
TOTAL		\$ 832,550.00	\$ 92,558.78	\$ 251,800.91	\$ 344,359.69	\$ 488,190.31	41%	\$ 135,522.75	\$ 86,280.09	\$ 62,513.83

Interest Earned (not budgeted) \$ 21,562.54

MATCH (actual) \$ 62,513.83
DIFF (planned match) \$ (73,008.92)
DIFF (required match) \$ (20,741.17)

- Updated as of 4/16/24.
- **FY22 WBIF Supplemental** - All resolutions have been signed- awaiting grant agreement from BWSR, approval from Stearns Co Board on 5/21/24 and final execution signatures from both parties. June is forecasted for when this will be complete and available to encumber expenses.
- **FY22 Reallocation Amendment**- All resolutions have been signed and are awaiting signatures from BWSR. No Board Action Required- BWSR Staff will have this in the coming days, possibly as early as the of today.
- **FY24 WBIF**- Submitted in the April Batch for BWSR review in May
- **CRP Incentives**- All resolutions have been signed and submitted-
 - Group reviewed project request and reimbursement request forms and by consensus agreed to approve.
 - Available now to encumber funds.

It was BWSR Representative informed the group of a significant State General Fund allocation for CRP Incentives Via the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)

SWCD Projects Review

- **Maus Erosion Control Project**-
 - Awaiting final design-tabled for future meeting.
 - Will be removed from future agenda until Stearns SWCD Communicates otherwise.

FY 24-25 Biennial Workplan

General Updates

- **Implementation Tracking Tool Development**
 - Meeting scheduled for
- **Getchell**
 - SRWD has conducted landowner outreach with parcels within the project area of feasibility study storage site #17, which is located North of the Hemker Zoo and City of Freeport, and south of upper Valley Road. SRWD is applying for a grant from BWSR's Water Quality and Storage Program to support the design and construction. Award Notice May 22nd
 - SRWD is exploring options to fulfill the 10% non-state match requirement; first with private orgs/NGO's, 2nd with federal programs, and 3rd through the SRWD's taxing authority.
- **JD2 Project Team & USACE Alternatives Analysis**
 - Bathymetric Survey and lake bottom sampling are planned this spring.

- SRWD will await notice from Fiscal agent that all agreements funding this effort are executed until incurring expenses on Task 1 of the study- Establish Current Modeling Conditions
- SRWD plans to utilize results from the alternatives analysis to complete a feasibility study, required per watershed statute to establish project.
- SRWD has applied for a grant from BWSR Water Quality and Storage Program to support the feasibility study. Award Notice May 22nd.
 - Note- There are 2 separate funding pools with this BWSR grant- one for studies and the other for design & construction. Therefore, these grants and projects are not in competition for funding resources.

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

- **Education and Outreach Committee-**
 - Stephanie H. and Brittany L. presented and reviewed the goals and purpose of the Education and Outreach Committee.
 - BWSR Staff recommended an exercise of drafting the next biennial workplan (FY26) to provide guidance for education and outreach efforts.
 - In other words- we want to ensure that our education efforts lead Sauk Watershed residents toward implementation of BMPS and projects in line with the resource priorities and practices in the CMWP.
 - Example- SR Drainage Authority and SRWD Education Dept hosts a monthly event- *Drainage Lunch and Learn*. SRWD, in conducting landowner outreach for the Getchell Project, met with a number of landowners who were supportive of the two-stage ditching practice and informed they learned about it through the *Drainage Lunch & Learn* event.
- **CRP incentives Pilot Program-** Awaiting approved resolutions- Steve attending Pope Co Commissioners mtg on 4/2 to present.
- **MRSC SRWC CWMP Boundary-** No updates or changes; groups would prefer not to undergo realignment procedures as this are of St. Cloud has WBIF funding Available under the MRSC appropriation.
- **Appointment of Policy Committee Member-** Pope County
 - Steve Z will attend Pope Co Commissioner meeting on 4/2 to present the SRW Collaborative's 3 resolutions and inform them of the SRWC's Bylaws to appoint one of their Commissioners to our Policy Committee.

Close out and Next Meeting –April 24th, 2024, 9:00 a.m., SRWD Board Room, w/ virtual option. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.