



# Sauk River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

Policy Committee meeting

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 1-3 pm

Sauk River Watershed District Office

## In attendance:

**Policy Committee:** Chuck Uphoff (Stearns SWCD), Bill Becker (SRWD), Randy Neumann (Todd Co), Steve Notch (Stearns Co), Tom Williamson (Todd SWCD), D. Gary Reents (Pope SWCD), Ken Rutten (Douglas SWCD), Tim Kalina (Douglas Co), Paul Wildman (Pope Co)

**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 Committee Chairman, Steve Notch at 1:05pm**

## Introductions

Introductions were given by all in attendance, with new Pope County Policy Committee Appointee, Commissioner Paul Wildman, present.

## Review of previous meeting minutes:

- Motion to Approve previous meeting minutes by Uphoff.
- Second by Rutten.
- All in favor motions passed.

## Quarterly 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 Uphoff.
- Second by Williamson.
- All in favor- motion passed

## FY2022-2023 WBIF Supplemental Funds Workplan Update

- Update provided by Fiscal Agent.
- Workplan is in same batch for approval along with the fy 2024 grant.

## Fy2024 Workplan Update

- Fiscal Agent informed of status of the Fiscal Year 2024 Grant Application.
  - It is currently in the Board of Water and Soil Resources Approval process and is anticipated to be available for collaborative use in late summer 2024.

### Internal Tracking Tool Development

- Ben Ruley, Stearns SWCD, have begun development of an internal project tracking and progress measuring tool powered by ArcGIS platform, modeled following the North Fork Crow River Collaboratives Tracking Tool, that Stearns SWCD built.
- Overview of effort- a map containing all SRW Collaborative projects, with all pertinent details accessible by clicking on a project.

### Education and Outreach Committee Goals, Policies, Procedures, Checklist

- Motion to approve EO Procedures by Becker.
- Second by Uphoff
- All in favor- motion passed.

### Project Updates

- Adopt-a-Drain
  - Education and Outreach Committee members provided an overview on the Adopt a Drain Program via Hamline University- <https://mn.adopt-a-drain.org/>



- This program has been operating in the cities of St cloud and Waite Park, with funding budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 workplan to expand this program to municipalities across the Sauk River watershed.



**Next Meeting Date & Open Discussion- 8/17/2024 1-3 pm**

- Uphoff informed the Collaborative of his official retirement, with this meeting as his last.
  - Stearns SWCD Policy Committee Alternate, Tom Gregory will fulfill the role, and a new alternative will need to be appointed by Stearns SWCD in accordance with the SRW Collaborative By-laws.
- Chairman Steve Notch Adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm.
- Next meeting 8.15.2024 1-3 pm SRWD Conference Room; 642 Lincoln Rd, Sauk Centre, MN 56378