



Sauk River CWMP Implementation Team Meeting

MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Location: January 22nd, 2025; Sauk River Watershed District Office

Time: 9am-noon

Attendees: Steve Zeece (SRWD), Jon Roeschlein (SRWD), Becky Schlorf (Stearns Env), Angela Beckman (Stearns Env), Stephanie Hatzenbihler (Stearns SWCD) Jerry Haggemiller (Douglas SWCD), Deja Anton (Todd SWCD)

Online via Teams: Cody Strom (Bolton-Menk Eng. via City of Rockville)

Introductions Previous Meeting Notes

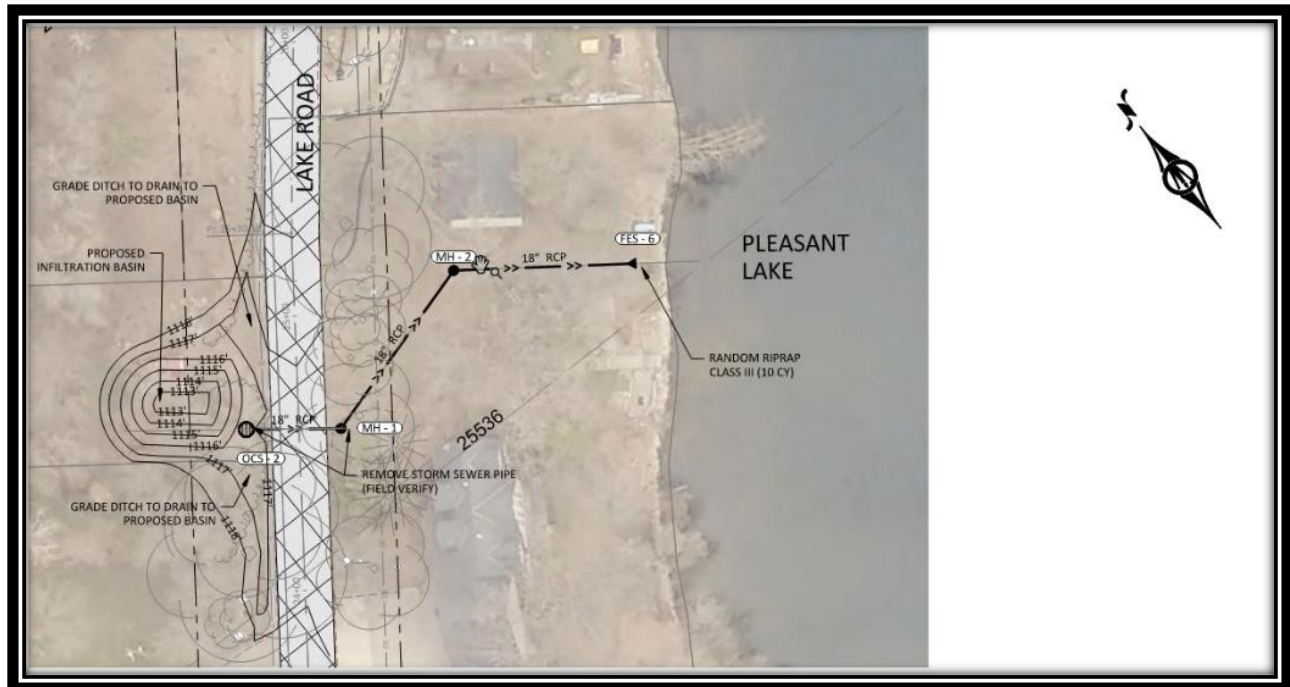
- No revisions to November meetings notes.

Fiscal Agent Updates:

- Becky Schlorf of Stearns County Environmental Services provided a verbal update on all of the SRW Collaborative's grants.
- **Fiscal Report Discussion Notes:**
- FY22 expenditure rate slightly under 33%
- SRWD communicated to Fiscal Agent that that documentation for match from the US Army Corps and SRWD's invoice have been submitted.
 - Fiscal Agent confirmed documentation meets requirements to be eligible as WBIF non-state match.
- FY 25 CRP Incentive grant agreement has yet to be sent out by BWSR.
- Stearns ENV discovered billing rate error for their time, resulting in fiscal agent being underpaid.
 - Fiscal agent corrected the billing rate and the tracking sheet is updated.

SWCD Projects Review-

Rockville City Stormwater Road Improvement Project-



- In a 10 year plan priority area(Mini Metro); along NW side of Pleasant Lake, Lake Road
- Project was previously out for bid last year before residents informed the City of Rockville of other stormwater related issues- adjacent the existing project proposal.
- City Council and Engineers visited site, witnessed stormwater related damage, paused bidding and directed Bolton-Menk to draft concept and seek funding sources to address the erosion problem
- Significant erosion issue (gully washout)- loading an excessive amount of sediment into the lake
- Problem consists of infiltration/collection/sedimentation basin on the west side of the road, culvert under road and through private property, out-letting into the lake
- Basin cost(s) \$25k for basin, \$30K for conveyance to lake (\$55k total).
- Discussion around funding the already planned stormwater basin within the Lions park- total cost of \$50k.
- **Implementation Team comments and Questions:**
 - Is there work south of the road or downstream from the Lions park stormwater basin that is planned?
 - Bolton Menk- When basin reaches pool capacity it then outlets into road ditch, wetland basin in Lions Park, and then conveys to the lake near on the north side adjacent to the public boat access.
 - Is this stormwater outlet in good shape (where it doesn't contribute to additional erosion or plumes)?
 - Recommended by Todd SWCD to investigate to condition of the outlet to ensure we are fully addressing the problem.



- Will the erosion of the shoreline be restored as part of this project?
 - Bolton Menk- not currently scoped.
 - SRWD recommends once stabilization work is complete the landowner should work with the Stearns SWCD to restore the gully site.
 - Todd SCWD Recommendation- As a water planning group- ensure we are addressing this problem holistically. Stable outlets are part of the solution.
 - Jon, SRWD- Regarding basin in Lions Park, City should pursue MPCA Climate Change Resiliency/Stormwater grant. Deadline is 4 pm on Feb 27th.
- Bolton Menk- Project is on a tight deadline. City has state bonding for road portion of project that must be used during the summer of 2025.
- SRWD- Can we figure out a way to fund this with WBIF? What will that require for workplan amendments, targeting changes, Policy Committee approval, etc.
- Stephanie Stearns SWCD- Possible options-
 - Per BWSR definition this is an Urban Stormwater project, which we have as an objective in FY22.
 - It is outside of the biennium target for the FY 22 grant, but within the FY 22 Supplemental target area. All Supplemental Funds are budgeted/spoken for.
 - FY 24- would require SRW Collaborative to add an objective and target area with approval from BWSR and PC.
 - Over 50K requires BWSR approval and Policy Committee Approval
- Imp Team Decision (options in order of preference):
 - Option A FY 24 (15k from obj 3, 20k from obj 4, 20k from obj 11, to create obj 13- urban stormwater)
 - Options B FY 22 WBIF
 - Option C MPCA Stormwater Climate Resiliency Program- proposals due end on Feb. Stearns SWCD offered assist with grant application if needed.
 - Option D Fy 26 WBIF Grant (will not begin drafting workplan until fall '25)
 - Stormwater work already funded to count as 25% match requirement.

Stearns SWCD ARJ Shoreline Project

- Fy 22 Supplemental funding request
- Big Lake- 10 year plan priority
- Requesting \$9,000
- Match from Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership (federal funding)
- Approved by full consensus- fiscal agent will send official funding encumbrance email.

General Updates

- **Getchell CIP –**
MNDNR N. Proulx and Houston Eng are coordinating to compare survey results to inform the dimensions of the channel
- **Project Request Form & checklist**



- i. Comment- Lat/Long is currently optional but should be required for tracking tool purposes. Site address needed. Preliminary eligibility components need to be clarified in form.
 - ii. Discussion Tabled/postponed for future meetings
- **JD #2 Alternatives Analysis –**
 - i. Data collected by SRWD is being utilized in the USACE’s lake response model.
 - ii. Due to weather/safety concerns, some data points (sediment cores) were not grabbed last summer.
 - iii. SRWD staff and the UW Stouts Limnology Lab are coordinating in order to grab sediment cores through the ice.
 - iv. Five cores will be taken and sent to UW Stout for analysis before being utilized in the lake response model.
 - v. Once model is operating, projects and practices can be placed into the model to determine how the lake water quality will respond.
 - **Plan Tracking Tool Update-** Partners should work to add their projects into the tracking tool, which will be presented to the Policy Committee on February 20th.
 - **Regulatory review-** Consultant has begun process with kickoff meeting with all regulatory reps (townships, cities, counties) to brief them on the project. Participants have begun to submit their regs to the consultant for review and comparison.
 - **Education Outreach-**
 - i. Meeting rescheduled due to sickness.
 - ii. From December EO mtg, MN Lakes and Rivers Org is working to create a series of educational videos and are seeking sponsors.
 - iii. EO committee requests to utilize their budget in as part of citizenship norms campaign.
 - iv. No issues voiced by committee members.

Upcoming Policy Committee Agenda Items – (Feb 20th mtg)

- Previous meeting minutes
- Fiscal Agent Report
- Tracking Tool Demonstration
- Convention Forum- Recommended by BWSR (to discuss takeaways from PC Committee member’s recent convention/meetings
- Election of Officers
- Budget Amendment/workplan change to add City of Rockville Stormwater
- Regulatory review.

Close out and Next Meeting –

- February 26th, 2025 9am- noon
- Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am