



Sauk River Watershed Collaborative Implementation Team Meeting

MEETING INFORMATION	
Date and Location:	Monday, December 22nd, 2025; Sauk River Watershed District Office
Time:	9am- noon
Attendees:	Attendees (In Person / Virtual): Deja Anton, Emily Forbord, Becky Schlorf, , Holly Kovarik, Jon Roeschlein, Jerry Rapp, Kory Klebe, Jason Weinerman. Online via Teams: Holly Kovarik, Noah Czech, Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Steve Zeece.

Review Previous Meeting Notes & Introductions

No edits or corrections were requested to the previous meeting minutes. Agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

Fiscal Agent Updates

FY2022 & Supplemental

- Discussion focused on remaining FY22 funds and potential reallocations. Grant expires 12.31.2026
- Partners reviewed unspent balances and discussed allowable reallocation options prior to grant closeout.
- FY22 possible reallocations will remain on the agenda until resolved.

FY22 & FY24 Remaining Funds by Partner

- Fiscal agent summarized remaining balances by partner organization.
- Emphasis was placed on timely project implementation and reimbursement submissions.

FY2024

- Overview of current expenditures and remaining balance.
- FY2024 Workplan rewrite was discussed; a handful partner approvals are ongoing.

CRP FY24 & FY25

- Reminder issued regarding CRP reimbursement timelines and requirements.



- CRP payment rates were reviewed, including use of updated mapping and documentation to determine rates.

WBIF FY2027

- Program opens July 2026.
- Initial planning can begin in 2026.
- This item will remain on future agendas for early coordination.

Future / New Fiscal Agent

- Continued discussion regarding Stearns County's decision not to serve as fiscal agent for future grants.
- No new parties expressed interest at this time.
- Option of utilizing a third-party fiscal agent was discussed and will continue to be explored.
- Discussion occurred around the re-writing/updating of the comprehensive 10 year plan. We are currently just past the halfway mark of the first 10-year plan.
 - It estimated to cost \$70-80,000 to update/renew the plan.
 - The state is not funding plan rewrites. Earned interested is planned to support this plan update.

SWCD Cost-Shared Projects Review

- **Todd SWCD – Padua Prairie Partnership**
 - Project overview was provided.
 - No formal action was taken at this meeting.

General Updates

Getchell Creek Updates

- Coordination between SRWD and Stearns CD continues regarding future RIM applications and easement opportunities. A meeting is scheduled in early January.

JD2 Project Team & USACE PAS Alternatives Analysis

- Updates were provided on recent Project Team discussions and alternatives analysis work with USACE. Houston Engineering/SRWD have completed their deliverables, while USACE is currently writing the Osakis Lake Comprehensive plan document and the lake response model is currently under review by a separate USACE office.

Rockville Stormwater Project-

- A coordination meeting is scheduled in early January with representatives from Rockville, SRW Collab Fiscal Agent, and regulatory personnel.



Landscape Stewardship Plan

- No new updates reported at this time.

Plan Tracking Tool Updates & Reminder

- Reminder issued that all project data must be entered by year end.
- Interim reporting deadlines were reiterated.

Education & Outreach Committee

- Continued planning around focus groups and outreach efforts.
- Data comparison work between local and statewide adoption trends remains a priority.

Regulatory Review

- Previously approved by the Policy Committee; no additional updates.

Cold Spring Dam Modification

- Continued discussion regarding eligibility and potential need for a minor amendment to the 10-Year Plan.

Sauk Watershed Grant Reduction Goals

- Discussion held on pollutant reduction goals and alignment with grant objectives.

Interactive Mapping with Priority Layer Tool

- Tool development and application were briefly discussed.

EO Planning Commission & Board of Adjustment Presentation

- Outreach and presentation planning was noted.

Upcoming Policy Committee Agenda Items & Updates

Next Meeting: February 19, 2026

Items expected to remain on the agenda:

- Previous meeting minutes
- Fiscal Agent report
- Project highlight (Bosl – Stearns CD)
- Collaborative Agreement adjustment
- 10-Year Plan minor amendment (Cold Spring Dam)
- Education & Outreach Committee update
- Tracking Tool progress report



Closeout & Next Meetings

- December meeting concluded as scheduled.
- 2026 meeting schedule was discussed.
- Group agreed to continue with **4th Wednesday monthly meetings** unless otherwise adjusted.