Sauk River Watershed Collaborative
Policy Committee Meeting

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, May 21st, 1-3pm, Sauk River Watershed District Office 642 Lincoln Rd Sauk Centre Mn 56378

Attendance:
In Person: Steve Zeece (SRWD Staff, Plan Coordinator), Tom Williamson (Todd SWCD Supervisor), Kory Klebe (SRWD Staff), Becky Schlorf (Stearns County Staff), John Maile (Stearns CD Staff), D. Gary Reents (Pope SWCD Supervisor) John Roeschlein (SRWD Staff), Stephanie Hatzewnbihler (Stearns CD Staff), Emily Forbord (Stearns County Staff), Zach Guttormson (MN BWSR), Bill Becker (SRWD Board Pres), Justine Meyer (Stearns CD Supervisor), Randy Neumann (Todd Co Commissioner), Steve Notch (Stearns County Commission, Committee Chair)

Virtually Via Teams: Abigail Borgerding (SRWD Staff), Adam Ossefoort (Todd County Staff), Danielle Anderson (Douglas SWCD Staff), Annie Felix (MN Dept of Health), Holly Kovarik (Pope Co/SWCD Staff) Garrett Munson (Moore Engineering/SRWD) Drew Kessler (Houston Engineering).

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1. Call To Order & Introductions
    - Committee Chair Steve Notch Called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm
    - Introduction were given by attendees.
2. Approve Agenda
    - Becker motioned, seconded by Williamson to approve the meeting agenda.
3. Public Hearing for Minor Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan (Cold Spring Dam Feasibility Study).
    - Committee Chair Steve Notch opened the public hearing at 1:05 pm.
    - No comments were provided in person by members of the public.
    - A letter of support from the MR DNR Division of Ecological & Water Resources was read aloud to the committee.
    - One public comment that was provided by email during the 10-day public notice period.
    - Motion from Becker, seconded by Williamson to approve the minor amendment.

- All in favor- motion passed
- Committee Chair Steve Notch closed to public hearing at 1:10pm

4. Review and Approve Meeting Minutes
    - Motion from Wildman and second by Reents to approve the minutes from the February 2026 meeting.
    - All in favor- motion passed.
5. Fiscal Agent Report
    - Stearns County Staff provided updates on the status of each of the Collaboratives grants; WBIF FY22, WBIF FY24, and CRP Incentives FY25.
    - Discretionary Reallocations
        i. Currently BWSR has a limit for our FY22 & 24 WBIF grants of $50k for the Implementation team to reallocate funds.
        ii. BWSR Staff advised for future WBIF grants this policy will be changed to a flat percentage rate of the overall grant.
6. Fiscal Agent Transition-
    - Reents motioned with second from Williamson to approve the fiscal agent transition from Stearns County to Stearns (soil and water) Conservation District.
7. Sharepoint Hosting Transition
    - SRWD is currently working with their IT service to host the collaborative sharepoint site.
    - SRWD currently has a Microsoft license that includes a limited version of sharepoint that will need to be upgraded for a nominal fee.
8. Cost Share Program Project Highlight-
    - Stearns CD presented on the recently completed Loxtercamp Wetland Restoration.
9. Next meeting Date- Thursday August 20th 2026 1-3pm
10. Adjournment- Committee Chair Steve Notched adjourned the meetig at 1:50 pm.

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