

Root River 1 Watershed 1 Plan  
Planning Workgroup Meeting  
July 20, 2015 Meeting Notes

In attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda: Sheila Harmes facilitated the meeting which was called to order at 1:18 p.m. Next meetings will be August 5<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>. Each staff person should contact their Policy Committee members about meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> to determine if enough can make it. The 5<sup>th</sup> does not work due to a conflict for the Winona County Attorney and Marcia Ward.
2. Review topics for the Advisory Committee – see list sent by HEI: These were chosen by consensus to be the most important to have the Advisory Committee’s input: Implementation Program Initiatives (combined with Goals if possible), Science Gaps, Conservation Program Delivery, Policy Needs (without agency input) and Emerging Issues (both policy and non-policy related). The goal is to have a joint meeting of the Policy and Advisory committees on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Policy Committee business can be conducted first then hold the joint meeting. Agency reps should take the information discussed back to their respective agencies.
3. Review of Draft Plan
  - a. Section I: Introduction  
No changes. No changes to the table either. However, the table may get modified based on comments that are received after the plan goes out for review.
  - b. Section 2  
Maps should be tied to priorities. Mapping the “A” priorities of livability and engagement could pose a challenge. These terms need further definition. The maps need to be larger to be useful.  
2.5: Flesh out the annual planning process  
2.6: Add frac sand as an emerging issue  
2.6.2.5: The social aspects of conservation delivery and the need for collaboration should be elaborated.  
2.6.1.3: Include discussion about nitrogen modeling concerns when using existing models in karst.
  - c. Section 5  
The goals may be too broad based on the guidance from BWSR. Measurability is needed.  
5.1.2: A complete list of collaborative partners (agencies and others) could be included here or in an appendix. The Advisory Committee can help to develop the list.  
5.1.1: Extensive discussion about how much detail is needed in this section since it is unknown if decisions about governance and staffing will be decided by the time the plan is done. These are decisions that need to be brought back to the individual boards, which could take considerable time to work out. There will be questions about dedicated staff and if this is new staff or shared staff.  
5.2: Make Funding its own section separate from Plan Administration and Coordination since funding is relevant to both Administration /Coordination and Implementation.  
5.3 becomes Plan Implementation Initiatives. Discussion will continue with this section at the next meeting.  
Clarify 5.1.4.2 regarding the BBR.
4. Next meeting facilitator will be Adam; Sheila will bring snacks. Meeting date will be determined by the schedule for the Policy Committee.