

**Planning Work Group for Root River One Watershed One Plan**  
**November 30, 2021 @ 9:00am**  
**Location: 912 Houston Street NW, Preston MN w/ Zoom option**  
**Notes**

**Attendees:**

**In Person:** Laura Christensen, Fillmore SWCD; Anne Koliha, Fillmore SWCD; Nikki Wheeler, Fillmore SWCD

**Zoom:** Shaina Keseley, BWSR; Adam Beilke, BWSR; Emily Zanon, MPCA; Adam King, Dodge SWCD; Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD; Jensen Bigelow, Mower SWCD; Skip Langer, Olmsted SWCD; Caitlin Brady, Olmsted SWCD; Dave Walter, Root River SWCD; Dan Wermager, Root River SWCD; Sheila Harmes, Winona County; Wanda Anderson, Winona County SWCD; Amanda Gentry, Winona County SWCD; Kevin Stark, St. Mary's University

1. Meeting Start @ 09:01am
2. Online Mapping Application Discussion – Kevin Stark, St. Mary's University
  - a. Over the last two weeks have been finishing the ACPF modeling for the whole Root River watershed, plan to finish and upload it to existing web app map; should take only about one more week to be able to display all of the information for the ACPF model for the entire watershed.
  - b. Emily Zanon, MPCA asked if the Root River BMP mapping project data has been added to the web map, Kevin noted that it had not but he will make the necessary contacts to get the data and upload it to the web map.
3. GreenCorp Update – Justin & Jensen @ Mower SWCD
  - a. Jensen gave a social media update; she has been posting and will continue to post on the Root River Watershed Facebook page, and asks that we continue to interact with the posts to gain more visibility of the page and keep on top of the algorithm.
  - b. Jensen is based out of the Mower SWCD office and is working on projects for the Cedar, Zumbro, and Root; plans to launch an e-newsletter for the Zumbro containing project highlights, pictures, and a short story of the project including its purpose/initiative.
  - c. Question from Justin: Should the PWG bring an Annual Report to the PC meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>? Can each district gather pictures and information on one project and send to Jensen this week to compile for the PC meeting?
    - i. All SWCD's in attendance agreed to send over Root River 1W1P project information for annual report to be given at PC meeting.
  - d. Olmsted SWCD has access to OneDrive and can create a folder for the Root River for easier filesharing.
4. Follow-up from October 18, 2021 RR1W1P Advisory Committee Meeting
  - a. Highlights from meeting notes were read, no additional questions or discussion.
5. Review FY18-19 WBIF Financials
  - a. Fillmore SWCD had ~\$8,000 left to use from the 18-19 grant, unsure if will use all of it due to frost settling in. Sent the amount to Winona County SWCD to use on a project that they didn't have quite enough funds to cover, Fillmore SWCD will use 20-21 funds to cover current project.

6. Discuss FY22-23 WBIF Budget, Workplan and Grant Strategies
  - a. Draft workplan was made and sent out to PWG to review. Topics and ideas discussed were:
    - i. Mabel flood control for capital improvement project; removing Torkelson Creek, Money Creek and Crooked Creek from priority watersheds and replacing with TBD; installing the kiosks; Mill Creek on Olmsted County being added as a priority watershed; funding Dan 50% for conservation planning type of position
  
7. Funding a Root River Conservation Planner – Root River SWCD
  - a. Dan would like to continue focused outreach efforts, and PWG would like to see him continue focused outreach efforts. Proposed funding his position 50% with 1W1P, and the other half of his time would be returning to regular engineering work with Root River SWCD.
  
8. Next Meetings:
  - a. Advisory Committee Meeting
  - b. Policy Committee Meeting – December 20, 2021
    - i. Jensen: Annual Plan
    - ii. Jason: 18-19 WBIF project update
    - iii. Skip: 20-21 WBIF project update
  - c. Planning Work Group Meeting
  
9. Other
  - a. Draft workplan will be sent to PWG to review, PWG will finish when ready rather than rushed for PC meeting.
  
10. Meeting End @ 11:19am