

Meeting of the Policy Committee for Root River One Watershed One Plan
Monday, May 22nd, 2023 at 9 AM
Hokah Fire Hall, 9 Mill Street, Hokah, MN 55941

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present (in Person): Paul Fruechte, Crooked Creek Watershed District; Rodney Peterson, Dodge County Commissioner; Duane Bakke, Fillmore County Commissioner; Kathy Tesmer, Fillmore SWCD Supervisor; Eric Johnson, Houston County Commissioner; Polly Glynn, Mower County Commissioner; Jim Kellogg, Mower SWCD Supervisor; Brian Mueller, Olmsted County Commissioner; Marcia Ward, Winona County Commissioner; Andy Kronebusch, Winona County SWCD Supervisor

Members Present (via Zoom): Steve Connelly, Olmsted SWCD Supervisor; Tom Scarponcini, Winona County SWCD Supervisor

Members Absent: Glenn Hahn, Dodge SWCD Supervisor; Glenn Kruse, Root River SWCD Supervisor; Matt Feldmeier, Root River SWCD Supervisor

Others Present (in Person): Adam Beilke, BWSR; Emily Zanon, MPCA; Riley Buley, Fillmore SWCD; Nikki Wheeler, Fillmore SWCD; Denice Corbin, Fillmore SWCD; Joe Driscoll, Root River SWCD Supervisor; Jerry Welke, Root River SWCD Supervisor; Dave Walter, Root River SWCD; Dan Wermager, Root River SWCD; Jean Meiners, Root River SWCD; Cody Fox, Mower SWCD; Sheila Harmes, Winona County; Amanda Gentry, Winona County SWCD; Mattie Hackensmith, Winona County SWCD; Allison Papenfuss, Winona County SWCD; Jen Wahls, Landscape Connections LLC; Jeff Broberg, MNWOO

Others Present (via Zoom): Jenny Mocol-Johnson, BWSR; Shaina Keseley, BWSR; Jeff Weiss, MN DNR; Rachel Olm, HEI; Adam King, Dodge SWCD; Mia Makovsky, Dodge SWCD; Skip Langer, Olmsted SWCD; Caitlin Meyer, Olmsted SWCD; Wanda Anderson, Winona County SWCD

- 1. Open Meeting at 09:07 am**
 - a. Meeting opened by Bakke.
- 2. Roll Call:**
 - a. Fruechte, R. Peterson, Bakke, Tesmer, Johnson, Glynn, Kellogg, Mueller, Ward, Kronebusch.
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Without additions; moved by Johnson, seconded by Kellogg, carried unanimously.
 - i. Ayes: Fruechte, R. Peterson, Bakke, Tesmer, Johnson, Glynn, Kellogg, Mueller, Ward, Kronebusch.
 - ii. Nays: None.
- 4. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Approval of January 30th, 2023 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes:
 - i. Without additions; moved by Ward, seconded by Tesmer, carried unanimously.
 1. Ayes: Fruechte, R. Peterson, Bakke, Tesmer, Johnson, Glynn, Kellogg, Mueller, Ward, Kronebusch.
 2. Nays: None.

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5. Financial Report(s)

- a. Acknowledge Root River 1W1P Financials
 - i. Motion to acknowledge payables made by Kellogg, seconded by Peterson, carried unanimously.
 - 1. Ayes: Fruechte, R. Peterson, Bakke, Tesmer, Johnson, Glynn, Kellogg, Mueller, Ward, Kronebusch.
 - 2. Nays: None.

6. General Business

- a. Overview of Root River 1W1P Committees, their roles, and the RR 1W1P for new Policy Committee Members (RR 1W1P 101) – Adam Beilke, BWSR
 - a. Slideshow presented to Policy Committee.
 - b. Slideshow will be sent out to Policy Committee members.
- b. Root River Watershed PRAP Presentation – Jenny Mocol-Johnson, BWSR
 - a. The DRAFT PRAP was sent to the Policy Committee on 05/18/2023 for review prior to the 05/22/2023 meeting.
 - b. Slideshow presented to Policy Committee.
 - c. Discussion among Policy Committee and State and local staff on Joint Powers Agreement/Collaboration vs Joint Powers Board, how other 1W1Ps are set up, etc.
 - d. Discussion on formal ranking process for RR 1W1P funded projects.

- BREAK - Called by Chair at 10:29am, meeting resumed by Chair at 10:40am

- c. RR 1W1P 5-Year Assessment Progress Update – Rachel Olm, Houston Engineering Inc.
 - a. Slideshow presented to Policy Committee.
 - b. Slideshow will be sent out to Policy Committee members.
- d. RIM Forestry Presentation – Jen Wahls, Landscape Connections LLC.
 - a. Slideshow presented to Policy Committee.
- e. Consider Fillmore SWCD as the fiscal agent for the Watershed Based Implementation Funding grant agreement
 - a. Motion to consider Fillmore SWCD as the fiscal agent for the Watershed Based Implementation Funding grant agreements made by Kellogg, seconded by Ward, carried unanimously.
 - i. Ayes: Fruechte, R. Peterson, Bakke, Tesmer, Johnson, Glynn, Kellogg, Mueller, Ward, Kronebusch.
 - ii. Nays: None.
- f. Consider Fillmore SWCD as the day-to-day contact for the Watershed Based Implementation Funding grant agreement
 - a. Motion to consider Fillmore SWCD as the day-to-day contact for the Watershed Based Implementation Funding grant agreements made by Johnson, seconded by Peterson, carried unanimously.
 - i. Ayes: Fruechte, R. Peterson, Bakke, Tesmer, Johnson, Glynn, Kellogg, Mueller, Ward, Kronebusch.
 - ii. Nays: None.

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- g. Review Root River 1W1P ByLaws
 - a. Motion to keep RR 1W1P ByLaws the same made by Peterson, seconded by Ward, carried unanimously.
 - i. Ayes: Fruechte, R. Peterson, Bakke, Tesmer, Johnson, Glynn, Kellogg, Mueller, Ward, Kronebusch.
 - ii. Nays: None.
- h. Review Root River 1W1P Implementation Policy
 - a. Motion to consider amendment to Implementation Policy made by Peterson, seconded by Kellogg, carried unanimously.
 - i. Ayes: Fruechte, R. Peterson, Bakke, Tesmer, Johnson, Glynn, Kellogg, Mueller, Ward, Kronebusch.
 - ii. Nays: None.

7. Public Comment

- a) Public Comment on Safe Drinking Water 1431 Petition – Jeff Broberg, MNWOO
 - a. Presentation given to Policy Committee.
 - b. 1-pager document will be sent out to the Policy Committee.

8. Reports

- a) Crooked Creek Project Overview – Root River SWCD
 - a. – Presentation on-site after lunch. –
- b) Review Root River 1W1P 2020-2021 & 2022-2023 Cost-Share Projects
 - a. Overview of projects paid since January 30th, 2023 Policy Committee meeting presented.
- c) Reports from Policy Committee Members
 - a. Crooked Creek WD:
 - i. No update given.
 - b. Dodge County & SWCD:
 - i. PUC commission granted 1,500-acre solar farm near Kasson/Byron, with no runoff plan; the PUC is not required to follow local ordinances.
 - c. Fillmore County & SWCD:
 - i. No update given.
 - d. Houston County & Root River SWCD:
 - i. No update given.
 - e. Mower County & SWCD:
 - i. No update given.
 - f. Olmsted County & SWCD:
 - i. No update given.
 - g. Winona County & SWCD:
 - i. No update given.
- d) Next Policy Committee Meeting:
 - a. August 28th, 2023 @ 9:00 am in Preston, MN

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9. Adjournment at 12:26 pm:

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting moved by Ward, seconded by Kellogg.
 - i. Ayes: Fruechte, R. Peterson, Bakke, Tesmer, Johnson, Glynn, Kellogg, Mueller, Ward, Kronebusch.
 - ii. Nays: None.

Field Visit to Crooked Creek Structure – Lunch Provided On-Site