

Meeting of the Policy Committee for Root River One Watershed, One Plan
Thursday, February 28th, 2019, 9:00am – 12:00pm
Room 108, Fillmore County Office Building, 902 Houston Street NW, Preston, MN
Minutes

- 1) Open meeting at 9:07am.
- 2) Approve agenda with additions:
 - a) Moved by Peterson, seconded by Arnold, passed unanimously.
- 3) Election of officers
 - a) Nomination for Chair by Peterson, seconded by Ward, for Bakke
 - i) Hazel moved nominations to cease and cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Hahn, motion carried.
 - b) Nomination for Vice Chair by Ward, seconded by Hahn, for Mueller, passed unanimously.
 - c) Nomination for Secretary by Mueller, seconded by Arnold, for Ward, passed unanimously.
- 4) Approve minutes of the November 28, 2018 Policy Committee meeting: moved by Ward, seconded by Peterson, passed unanimously.
- 5) Old Business
 - a) MCIT: Review of Root River Joint Powers Agreement; Karin Sonneman, Winona County Attorney
 - i) Duane – AMC Committee discussion led to asking Karin to come for a review of JPA.
 - ii) Karin – Handouts
 - (1) Joint Powers collaboration rather than Joint Powers entity
 - (2) AMC presentation by J Wolf may have left liability question for RR 1W1P – ok as is.
 - (3) Enters into contracts as a separate entity, then liability problems
 - (4) All but Olmsted covered by MCIT, each of individual entities covered but 1W1P not as an entity.
 - b) Report on RCPP for Root River 1W1P Meeting: Ranking questions developed with NRCS staff
 - i) Special pot of EQUIP funds – awarded to 1W1P pilots. \$\$ flows through NRCS. Used to match state & federal funds. \$2.5 mill., 500k for NRCS staff time – we got just under \$500k for next 3 years. Application deadline is April 19th.
 - c) Root River 1W1P – WIPP: Watershed Inventory Partner Projects survey: some projects added to the list that was reviewed in November. A reminder will go out to the Advisory Committee to continue to add to the list.
 - i) RCPP not included

6) New Business

- a) ACTION: Approve 2018 Financial Reports:
 - i) Moved by Mueller, seconded by Arnold.
 - b) Report from Policy Committee members re: feedback from their respective Boards
 - i) Fred A – Houston County Board – very pleased with progress; delays in Crooked Creek; only concern – spoke with Greg Dander & Miller, will help with admin delays.
 - ii) Brian H – encouraged by amount of \$\$ available
 - iii) Duane B – none
 - c) Partner project updates
 - i) N/A
 - d) Personal email 1W1P distribution list
 - i) Personal email – information request would include other personal info – individual is responsible for redactivity.
 - e) Rush-Pine Farmer Led Council cover crops discussion
 - i) Mueller move to give PWG, Arnold second
 - (1) To fine tune cover crop policy to fit needs of R-P FLC in favor of time, equipment.
- Motion carried.

7) Next Meeting

- a) Review plans for upcoming meetings
 - i) Advisory Committee
- b) Set next date for Policy Committee meeting
 - i) After session – next round of funding known
- c) Agenda Items
 - i) Review of State Allocations
 - ii) Donna Retiring

8) Adjourn

- a) Peterson, second Hazel 10:55am