

Meeting of the Policy Committee for Root River One Watershed, One Plan

August 24, 2020, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom/Call-In

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Glenn Hahn, Dodge SWCD Supervisor; Duane Bakke, Fillmore County Commissioner; Eric Johnson, Houston County Commissioner; Glenn Kruse, Root River SWCD Supervisor; Jim Kellogg, Mower SWCD Supervisor; Matt Flynn, Olmsted County Commissioner; Steve Connelly, Olmsted SWCD Supervisor; Marcia Ward, Winona County Commissioner; Gerry Mueller, Winona SWCD Supervisor; Paul Fruechete, Crooked Creek Watershed District

Members Absent: Rodney Peterson, Dodge County Commissioner; Brian Hazel, Fillmore SWCD Supervisor; Tim Gabrielson, Mower County Commissioner

Others Present: Adam Beilke, BWSR; Laura Christensen, Fillmore SWCD; Nikki Shaw, Fillmore SWCD; Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD; Paul Hunter, Mower SWCD; Skip Langer, Olmsted SWCD; Dave Walter, Root River SWCD; Dan Wermager, Root River SWCD; Sheila Harmes, Winona County; Daryl Buck, Winona SWCD; Jeff Broberg, MN WOO; Ed Lenz

1. Open meeting @ 09:04 a.m.

- a. Meeting opened by Bakke.

2. Approval of agenda:

- a. With additions; moved by Ward, seconded by Kellogg, carried unanimously.
 - i. 5. b. changed from 2018-19 to 2020-21.

3. Approval of June 22, 2020 Policy Committee meeting minutes:

- a. Without changes; moved by Kruse, seconded by Ward, carried unanimously.

4. Old Business:

- a. Project updates:
 - i. Jeff Broberg – MNWOO:
 1. “Social Science and Community Engagement for Drinking Water Protection in Greater Minnesota”
 - a. Presentation highlighting drinking water in Minnesota; township testing, nitrate clinics, arsenic, lead and manganese testing.
 - b. More purposeful community engagement to help teach public about their drinking water, as well as using the project to help improve the drinking water of private well.
 2. Questions asked by the Policy Committee and discussion was opened between Jeff Broberg and Policy Committee.
- b. *Discuss* Amendment to Bylaws of the Root River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) – Daryl Buck, Winona SWCD:
 - i. Reviewing guidance from MCIT and Winona County Attorney to help re-word the RR1W1P Bylaws to better explain the role of the Policy Committee in the RR 1W1P.
- c. *Update on Crooked Creek Structure – Paul Fruechete, Crooked Creek Watershed District*

- i. Crooked Creek Watershed District has decided to move forward with the current design without the funding from NRCS. Next step is to apply for permits through Houston County, then send out for bids, and start on construction in 2021.

5. New Business:

- a. Approve Financials for Root River 1W1P 2018-19 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
 - i. Moved by Kellogg, seconded by Kruse. Carried unanimously.
 - 1. 10 Ayes: Glenn Hahn; Duane Bakke; Eric Johnson; Glenn Kruse; Jim Kellogg; Matt Flynn; Steve Connelly; Marcia Ward; Gerry Mueller; Paul Fruechete.
 - 2. 0 Nays.
- b. Acknowledge Budget and Cost-Share Requests for Root River 1W1P 2018-19 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
 - i. Acknowledged; discussion between Root River 1W1P Policy Committee and Staff for clarifications.
- c. Approve Financials for Root River 1W1P 2020-21 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
 - i. Moved by Ward, seconded by Connelly. Carried unanimously.
 - 1. 10 Ayes: Glenn Hahn; Duane Bakke; Eric Johnson; Glenn Kruse; Jim Kellogg; Matt Flynn; Steve Connelly; Marcia Ward; Gerry Mueller; Paul Fruechete.
 - 2. 0 Nays.
- d. Acknowledge Budget and Cost-Share Requests for Root River 1W1P ~~2018-19~~ 2020-21 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
 - i. Acknowledged; discussion between Root River 1W1P Policy Committee and Staff for clarifications.
- e. Approve amendment of Root River 1W1P Policy using 20-21 Watershed-Based Funding of Prairie Strip Incentive Payments and Pre-Construction Cover:
 - i. Moved by Kellogg, seconded by Bakke. Carried.
 - 1. 6 Ayes: Duane Bakke; Jim Kellogg; Steve Connelly; Marcia Ward; Matt Flynn, Paul Fruechete.
 - 2. 1 Nays: Glenn Kruse.
 - 3. NOTE: Other Policy Committee members were still in attendance according to Zoom Participant List, but were unable to vote due to connection issues.
 - a. Members with connection issues: Glenn Hahn; Eric Johnson; Jerry Mueller.

6. Next meeting:

- a. Review plans for upcoming meetings:
 - i. Potential for physical meeting place as well as a date; options will be sent out via email.
- b. Agenda items:
 - i. None discussed.

7. Adjourn @ 10:23 a.m.

- a. Moved by Ward, seconded by Kellogg.