

Meeting of the Policy Committee for Root River One Watershed, One Plan
Monday, February 22, 2021, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Room 108, Fillmore County Office Building, 902 Houston Street NW, Preston, MN

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Rodney Peterson, Dodge County Commissioner; Glenn Hahn, Dodge SWCD Supervisor; Duane Bakke, Fillmore County Commissioner; Tim Gossman, Fillmore SWCD Supervisor; Eric Johnson, Houston County Commissioner; Jim Kellogg, Mower SWCD Supervisor; Marcia Ward, Winona County Commissioner; Gerry Mueller, Winona SWCD Supervisor; Paul Fruechte, Crooked Creek Watershed District

Members Absent: Glenn Kruse, Root River SWCD Supervisor; Jeff Baldus, Mower County Commissioner; Matt Flynn, Olmsted County Commissioner; Steve Connelly, Olmsted SWCD Supervisor

Others Present: Adam Beilke, BWSR; Emily Zanon, MPCA; Adam King, Dodge SWCD; Laura Christensen, Fillmore SWCD; Nikki Wheeler, Fillmore SWCD; Dave Walter, Root River SWCD; Dan Wermager, Root River SWCD; Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD; Skip Langer, Olmsted SWCD; Caitlyn Brady, Olmsted SWCD; Sheila Harnes, Winona County; Megen Kabele, Winona County; Daryl Buck, Winona SWCD; Lance Klessig, Winona County SWCD; Kevin Stark, St. Mary's University; Dylan Blumentritt, Winona State University

1. Open meeting @ 09:04 am.

- a. Meeting opened by Bakke.

2. Approval of agenda:

- a. Without additions; moved by Johnson, seconded by Ward; carried unanimously.
 - i. Yays: Bakke, Fruechte, Gossman, Hahn, Johnson, Kellogg, Mueller, Peterson, Ward.
 - ii. Nays: None.

3. Election of officers:

- a. Ward offered up a motion of keeping the same officers; motion was seconded by Peterson.
 - i. Yays: Bakke, Fruechte, Gossman, Hahn, Johnson, Kellogg, Mueller, Peterson, Ward.
 - ii. Nays: None.
 - iii. Nomination for Chair by Ward, for Bakke seconded by Peterson.
 - iv. Nomination for Vice Chair by Ward, for Mueller, seconded by Peterson.
 - v. Nomination for Secretary by Ward, for Ward, seconded by Peterson.

4. Approval of November 23rd, 2020 Policy Committee meeting minutes:

- a. With changes; moved by Peterson, seconded by Hahn; carried unanimously.
 - i. Marcia Ward's name was corrected.
 - ii. Paul Fruechte's name was corrected.
 - 1. Yays: Bakke, Fruechte, Gossman, Hahn, Johnson, Kellogg, Mueller, Peterson, Ward.
 - 2. Nays: None.

5. Old Business:

- a. Root River 1W1P Overview – Adam Beilke, BWSR & Laura Christensen, Fillmore SWCD:
 - i. Refresher of the purpose of the One Watershed, One Plan program, the stakeholders, and the committees and their purposes and members.

1. Both presentations will be made available.
- b. Project updates:
 - i. GIS update – Kevin Stark, St. Mary’s University:
 1. Update on GeoSpatial Services center at St. Mary’s University; their programs, specializations, analysis, special project mapping, and all other things involved with GIS.
 2. Updated Policy Committee on what St. Mary’s University is contracted to do for the RR 1W1P.
 - ii. Winona SWCD – Lance Klessig & Daryl Buck:
 1. Presentation on Soil Health Efforts in Winona County.
- c. Consider Winona SWCD as the fiscal agent for the Watershed Based Implementation Funding grant agreement:
 - i. Moved by Ward, seconded by Peterson; carried unanimously.
 1. Yays: Bakke, Fruechte, Gossman, Hahn, Johnson, Kellogg, Mueller, Peterson, Ward.
 2. Nays: None.
- d. Consider Fillmore SWCD as the day-to-day contact for the Watershed Based Implementation Funding grant agreement:
 - i. Moved by Peterson, seconded by Johnson; carried unanimously.
 1. Yays: Bakke, Fruechte, Gossman, Hahn, Johnson, Kellogg, Mueller, Peterson, Ward.
 2. Nays: 0
- e. Review Root River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Implementation Policy:
 - i. Discussion among RR 1W1P Policy Committee.

6. New Business:

- a. Report from Policy Committee members re: feedback from their respective Boards:
 - i. Dodge County:
 1. Hiawatha Valley RC&D has hired a new Executive Director, will be visiting the SWCD’s and their boards to introduce himself.
 - ii. Fillmore County:
 1. No updates given.
 - iii. Houston County:
 1. No updates given.
 - iv. Mower County:
 1. No updates given.
 - v. Olmsted County:
 1. No updates given.
 - vi. Winona County:
 1. A group is actively meeting and moving forward with Mississippi River Winona & Mississippi River La Crescent (WinLaC) 1W1P.
 - vii. Crooked Creek Watershed District:
 1. No updates given.
- b. Partner project updates:
 - i. Dr. Dylan Blumentritt, Winona State University in collaboration with Emily Zanon, MPCA:

1. Root River BMP Mapping Project: focus on mapping WASCOBs, also mapped additional structural practices in Rush-Pine.
- c. Acknowledge Financials for Root River 1W1P 2018-19 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
 - i. Updates given by Daryl Buck.
- d. Acknowledge Budget and Cost-Share Requests for Root River 1W1P 2018-19 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
 - i. Updates given by Daryl Buck.
- e. Acknowledge Financials for Root River 1W1P 2020-21 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
 - i. Updates given by Daryl Buck.
- f. Acknowledge Budget and Cost-Share Requests for Root River 1W1P 2020-21 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
 - i. Updates given by Daryl Buck.

7. Next meeting:

- a. Review plans for upcoming meetings:
- b. Set next date for Policy Committee meeting:
 - i. June 21st, 2021 @ 9:00am in room 108.
- c. Agenda items:

8. Adjourn @ 11:17 am.

- a. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Peterson, carried unanimously.