A meeting of the One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee was held on Monday, June 24, 2019, at the Ada Event Center, Ada, MN. Policy Committee Members in attendance included: Alroy Lewis; Clearwater County SWCD Supervisor; Barry Nelson, Becker County Commissioner; Frank Gross, Clay County Commissioner; Joan Lee, Polk County Commissioner; Steve Jacobson, Norman County Commissioner; Mark Harless, Wild Rice Watershed District Manager; Pete Revier, Mahnomen County SWCD Supervisor; Scott Balstad, East Polk SWCD Supervisor. Others in attendance included: Kevin Ruud, Wild Rice Watershed District Administrator; Moriya Rufer, Houston Engineering; Nicole Bernd, West Polk County SWCD; Lori Thronson, Norman County SWCD; Kevin Kassenborg, Clay County SWCD; Lynn Foss, Clay County SWCD; Aaron Neubert, Mahnomen County SWCD; Chester Powell, Clearwater County SWCD; Brett Arne, Board of Water and Soil Resources; Jerry Bents, Houston Engineering; Tara Jensen, Wild Rice Watershed District. Policy Committee members absent were David Geray, Mahnomen County Commissioner; Travis Schauer, Becker SWCD Supervisor; Richard Menholt, Clay County SWCD Supervisor; Chris Cournia; West Polk SWCD Supervisor, Erik Rockstad, Norman County SWCD Supervisor; Dean Newland, Clearwater County Commissioner; Mark Titera, Clearwater County Commissioner.

The meeting began as informational in nature as quorum had not been reached. Rufer provided an overview of the timeline for those in attendance. Balstad arrived at 10:21 am, reaching quorum for the committee. Bernd continued with an overview of the participation plan. A motion was made by Harless and seconded by Nelson to approve the advisory committee membership as presented. The participation plan overview continued. A motion was made by Jacobson and seconded by Nelson to approve the participation plan as presented.

Rufer distributed and introduced the land and water resources narrative. She provided an overview at where the plan is currently at. We are currently waiting for Advisory and public input which will be incorporated and presented to the Policy Committee at the September meeting. She provided an overview of the next steps in the planning process. The Steering Committee will meet next in July, Advisory Committee in August, and Policy Committee in September. A public kickoff meeting will be held at the District Office at the end of July. Discussion was held regarding the public kickoff. Those unable to attend can return comments to the District Office. The event will be advertised in local newspapers as well as on the radio. A survey will be developed and put on the website for interested parties to complete.

It was determined that the next Policy Committee meeting would be September 4th, 11am – 12pm. Approval of the meeting date and time was made in a motion by Nelson and seconded by Gross.