

1W1P Policy Committee Meeting

September 4, 2019

A meeting of the One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee was held on Monday, September 4, 2019, at the Wild Rice Watershed District, Ada, MN. Policy Committee Members in attendance included: Barry Nelson, Becker County Commissioner; Frank Gross, Clay County Commissioner; Joan Lee, Polk County Commissioner; Steve Jacobson, Norman County Commissioner; Richard Menholt, Clay County SWCD Supervisor; Mark Harless, Wild Rice Watershed District Manager; Pete Revier, Mahnomen County SWCD Supervisor; David Geray, Mahnomen County Commissioner. 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; Jerry Bents, Houston Engineering; Tara Jensen, Wild Rice Watershed District. Policy Committee members absent were Alroy Lewis, Clearwater County SWCD Supervisor; Travis Schauer, Becker SWCD Supervisor; Chris Cournia, West Polk SWCD Supervisor; Erik Rockstad, Norman County SWCD Supervisor; Dean Newland, Clearwater County Commissioner; Mark Titera, Clearwater County Commissioner; Scott Balstad, East Polk SWCD Supervisor.

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am. Rufer began with a review of the plan timeline, where we are at and what is coming next. It was noted that priority issues will be decided on and resource prioritization and measurable goals will be introduced at today's meeting.

A motion was made by Harless and seconded by Nelson approving the land and water resources narrative as presented. Geray clarified that the document does not tie funding commitments to anything. Motion carried with all members in voting in favor.

A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Gross approving the issue prioritization with a change in priority of agricultural lands priority in the headwaters region and a change in priority of unique features in the lower wild rice region. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Resource prioritization was introduced with an update of what was worked on during the advisory committee meeting. Information was gathered regarding current projects and projects planned for the future to be considered for incorporation in the plan writing. Lee noted that local input and information is an important tool. Data and maps can provide some information, but the local on the ground knowledge is valuable. Nelson suggested comparing pollution sensitivity of wells to fall nitrogen application mapping to see if a link is present.

Action items and next steps were presented. The steering committee will work on goals in September and October for presentation at the November meeting. We are looking at what we can accomplish in the next ten years. Actions will be categorized on how to accomplish the goals set to address previously approved issues.

A reminder was given that all members should respond if they are able to attend or not so that we can determine if a quorum will be met. It is noted that attendance at all meetings is important so that we

can continue moving forward. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6th at 11:00 am, following the Advisory committee meeting which will be held at 9:00 am.

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 11:33 am.