

1W1P Policy Committee Meeting

November 6, 2019

A meeting of the One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee was held on Wednesday, November 6, 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; Gregory Holmvik, Wild Rice Watershed District Manager; Pete Revier, Mahnomen County SWCD Supervisor; David Geray, Mahnomen County Commissioner, Jerome Flottesmesch, Becker County SWCD. 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; Tony Nelson, Clay County SWCD; Aaron Neubert, Mahnomen County SWCD; Chester Powell, Clearwater County SWCD; Jerry Bents, Houston Engineering; Tara Jensen, Wild Rice Watershed District, Brett Arne, Board of Water and Soil Resources, Phil Doll, Becker County SWCD. 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, Mark Harless, Wild Rice Watershed District Manager.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am. Bernd began with introductions and provided an overview of the meeting today.

Chair Lee presented the draft goals and vision statement as approved by the advisory and steering committees with recommendation for approval by the policy committee. Discussion was held regarding the draft document. Minor language changes were recommended. Discussion was also held regarding the 10% mark set in most of the goals asking what was currently being done on the landscape and how this measures up to it. Chair Lee reminded those in attendance that this is a draft document and changes can be made to it as they are felt necessary. A motion was made by Jacobson and seconded by Nelson to approve the draft goals as presented. Carried.

A vision statement was presented for consideration by the members. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Geray to approve the vision statement as presented. Carried.

Arne distributed binders to Policy committee members in attendance. He spoke regarding plan administration and stated that a formal agreement will need to be in place later in the plan development process determining how awarded funding will be addressed and allocated. It was noted that each entity could choose to hold a grant for their portion of the funding allocated or an agreement can be in place that one grant agreement is held and the committee can more easily shift monies from one priority to another as needs and projects arise. Flottesmesch recommended that each respective Board hold a discussion and include their legal representation to determine what the best method would be going forward.

Rufer presented an overview of the plan timeline noting that the process is currently at the half way point to having a draft plan developed. Actions will be worked on through the winter months with the draft document anticipated to be completed late spring.

The next meeting will be held Monday, January 27th from 11am – 12pm with the focus of working on actions and reviewing implementation programs.

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 11:37 am.