

# **1W1P Steering Committee Meeting**

August 13, 2019

A meeting of the WRWD 1W1P Steering Committee was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at the Wild Rice Watershed District Office. Committee Members in attendance included: Brett Arne, Board of Water and Soil Resources; Lori Thronson, Norman County SWCD; Chester Powell, Clearwater County SWCD, Peter Mead, Becker County SWCD; Aaron Neubert, Mahnomen County SWCD; Moriya Rufer, Houston Engineering; Jerry Bents, Houston Engineering; Kevin Ruud, Wild Rice Watershed District. Members absent were: Kelsey Hedlund, East Polk SWCD; Nicole Bernd, West Polk SWCD. Others in attendance were: Tara Jensen, Wild Rice Watershed District Secretary; Brett Arne, BWSR; Henry VanOffelen, BWSR, Rob Sip, RRWMB

Rufer began the meeting by reviewing the plan time line and priority issues that will be presented to the Policy and Advisory committees at the September meeting. She added that goals will be reviewed in September and October.

The Committee determined that the executive summary will state that the plan is a Local Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan developed under One Watershed One Plan.

A review of public issues presented determined that main concerns were flooding, drainage ditch maintenance, wind and water erosion/sediment, wetland protection and beach ridge/fen protection. The priority issues were ranked in three categories. It was determined that we would try to make additional effort to reach out to the White Earth Tribe for comment regarding priority issues.

Resource prioritization is done by looking at where work needs to be done, where participating members want to do work, and the decision on where to do work is ongoing throughout the process. A review of lake and stream prioritization was discussed. It was noted that local knowledge is important in determining what is really going on throughout the watershed.

It was determined that the process would move forward considering storage, filtration, bio-filtration, protection, and source reduction treatment groups at the current time. Will consider the median annual sediment reduction at the nearest priority resource point or catchment outlet/edge of field. BMPs will be ranked for each management area to base them on a cost effective basis.

It was determined that a meeting would be held in late September and draft goals will be distributed. The Advisory and Policy Committees will meet on September 4<sup>th</sup> and again on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion closed regarding implementing incentive programs to make them more appealing to landowners