

1W1P Steering Committee Meeting

March 6, 2019

A meeting of the WRWD 1W1P Steering Committee was held on Monday, December 17, 2018, at the Wild Rice Watershed District (WRWD) 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; Kelsey Hedlund, East Polk SWCD; Kevin Kassenborg, Clay County SWCD; Nicole Bernd, West Polk SWCD; Aaron Neubert, Mahnomen County SWCD; Matt Jacobson, Houston Engineering; Jerry Bents, Houston Engineering; Kevin Ruud, Wild Rice Watershed District; Tara Jensen, Wild Rice Watershed District. Others in attendance included Pete Revier, Mahnomen County, Frank Gross, Clay County, and Richard Menhold, Clay SWCD. Absent: Jerry Bents, Houston Engineering. Keivn Kassenborg, Clay SWCD was absent.

Jacobson began with welcome and introductions and a recap of the February meeting. He added that he forgot to put 60 day notice material on the agenda for today's meeting. He informed the committee that staff will be asking for approval to send that required notices out. Discussion continued regarding the timeline and anticipated grant deadline.

Discussion continued focusing on watershed information maps completed by Mead. Neubert stated that Mahnomen County impairments could be gathered and added. It would require work with the reservation and tribe to complete.

A detailed and narrative report were reviewed and discussion ensued. It was recommended to have a short narrative report, providing additional links which people can access if desired. Bents added that the additional links can be hosted on the Watershed District's website if desired.

Members were asked to return watershed information to Jacobson by March 20th for review.

How to prioritize and categorize the planning region was reviewed and discussed. It was recommended to group subwatersheds with similar land use together. Options will be developed and returned to the members for review.

It was determined that an internal kickoff for the planning process would likely be held in June, for the Policy, Advisory, and Steering Committees.

Bernd recommended comparing the current draft to existing plans to get a better understanding of what is being developed. It was determined that the priority for the next meeting would be determining planning regions. If time allows discussion regarding draft plan outline would be held as well.

Jacobson reviewed resources and tools which might be utilized during the plan development. Several models and tools were presented and discussed.

Policy committee members would be reviewing and acting regarding grant materials at the afternoon meeting. Once approved, they would be submitted to BWSR for grant establishment.

Members were asked to provide comments regarding the watershed information maps to Peter and Mary on or before March 20th. Following comments being returned, they will work on beginning the draft narrative materials.

It was added that the internal kickoff would likely be held in June, which would coincide with the first advisory committee meeting. A public information kickoff would be tentatively held in July. The next steering committee meeting will be held on April 3rd.

Members were reminded to return advisory committee recommendations for Policy Committee review.