

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE PINE RIVER ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN

A regular meeting of the Policy Committee (PC) was held at the Cass County Land Department meeting room in Backus, MN, and called to order by Chair Jeff Peterson at 1:00 p.m. on August 22, 2018.

Members present: Paul Thiede, Commissioner, Crow Wing County; Joann Weaver, Supervisor, Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD); Jeff Peterson, Commissioner, Cass County; and Jim Ballenthin, Cass Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Other attendees and staff support personnel: Kelly Condiff, Cass ESD/SWCD; Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing SWCD; Jacob Frie, Crow Wing Land Services; Jeff Hubres (BWSR), Ron Meyer (PRWA); Jim Schulz (KLNA); Moriya Rufer (RMB Labs); and Mathew Kallroos and Tad Erickson (R5DC).

MSP Approved proposed Agenda, copy attached.

MSP Approved Minutes of meeting of May 30, 2018.

- Melissa Barrick reported that pre-planning for the Plan was mostly complete, and that the regular planning process has started; 13% of the budget has been spent.
- Commissioner Thiede requested that Melissa Barrick provide for the PC a detail on administrative costs.
- Jeff Hrubes presented a graphic handout and the PC discussed options available in Implementing the Plan: coordination, collaboration and integration. He also indicated that the PC should start to think about the “how” of implementing the plan as it considers the Plan elements. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) are often used to facilitate implementation.
- Kelly Condiff reported that seven entities (townships, cities, lake associations) attended a presentation he provided on an overview of the Plan, and that on October 4, 2018, an overview will be presented at the Cass County Association of Townships (CCAT) meeting.
- Tad Erickson reported on the meetings of the Advisory Committee (AC). The AC has identified and prioritized issues to be considered in the Plan and recommended to the PC a statement of the issues. The AC next will be considering Plan implementation and an Executive Summary for consideration by the PC.
- Moriya Rufer presented the Issue Statements to the PC for its consideration. During discussion PC members made several suggestions regarding the Issue Statements, which were recorded by Moriya.

MSP Issue Statements accepted subject to suggestions by the PC.

Meeting Schedule: Advisory Committee to meet on the 4th Wednesday in September and October, and the Advisory Committee to meet in November in Backus on a date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Submitted by Jim Ballenthin, Secretary