

## **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 Ideal Township Hall in Pequot Lakes, MN, and called to order by Chair Jeff Peterson at 10:30 a.m. on June 26, 2019. Members present: 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). Member absent: Bill Brekken, Commissioner, Crow Wing County.

Other attendees and staff support personnel: Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing SWCD; Jacob Frie and Nicole Erickson, Crow Wing Land Services; Moriya Rufer (RMB Labs); Jeff Hrubes (BWSR); and several members of the Advisory Committee.

**MSP** Approved proposed Agenda, copy attached.

**MSP** Approved Minutes of meeting of March 27, 2019.

**MSP** Approved payment of expenses: RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc.-- \$7,029.65:  
Crow Wing SWCD - \$5,213.56; Crow Wing County - \$239.70.

Melissa Barrick reported that contracts have been negotiated with two applicants, Abe Hollister of Crow Wing County and Denny Blowers of Cass County, to contact grazing operators in the Pine River Watershed in Cass and Crow Wing Counties and to solicit participation in Adaptive Grazing Management (soil health) practices. Both contractors are personally experienced in implementation of soil health grazing practices. The contracts will be with Crow Wing SWCD. Each contractor will provide liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00. Services will be provided by each at an hourly rate of \$55.00, and contract funding includes a \$10,000.00 grant from the Land and Water Trust Fund Grant and \$20,000.00 from the budget of the Pine River Watershed One Watershed One Plan.

**MSP** Approved Adaptive Grazing Management contracts as proposed.

Melissa Barrick reported that a grant application has been made to the LSOHC in the amount of \$4.8 million for Reinvest in Minnesota (RJM) easements and additional shoreland and upland easements, the amount to be shared with the Leech River One Watershed One Plan. If approved funding will be available July 1, 2020.

Melissa Barrick reported that a grant application has been made to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for 319 Federal Small Watershed Grant for the Whitefish Subwatershed HUC 10 to fund help implement the 1W1P Pine River. If approved, funding will extend for a period of eight years and at an annual amount of \$250,000+/- per year.

## **Plan Review Authority and Public Comments Received and Proposed Responses to the 60 Draft IWIP.**

- Filed and made a part of these Minutes by reference are all written comments received. together with staff summary of and responses to the comments.
- Staff proposes six changes to the Draft Plan, copy attached.
- **MSP** Proposed six changes are approved, with the following amendments:
  - Change # 1: Correct reference to “10 % impervious” to “10 % shoreland impervious.
  - Change #4: prioritize well monitoring to include one or more wells in Cass County, on public land, in the Pine River Watershed.”

## **Public Hearing on the Draft Pine IWIP**

- At 11:00 a.m. Chair. Jeff Peterson, opened the public hearing on the Draft Pine IWIP
  - Ron Meyer spoke and addressed the Policy Committee by providing information regarding the adaptive grazing workshop and grant funding. No action was requested.
  - Jeff Hrubes (BWSR) spoke and complimented the Policy Committee and Staff regarding the planning process and cooperation of Cass and Crow Wing Counties in proceeding on the Pine IWIP. No actions was requested.
- No other persons appeared to speak at the Public Hearing.
- At 11:06 a.m. Chair, Jeff Peterson, closed the public hearing on the Draft Pine IWIP.

## **INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATION**

- Not later than July 24, 2019, the Draft Pine IWIP must be submitted for consideration to BWSR Northern Regional Committee to allow the BWSR Board to consider approval of the Plan at its meeting on September 25, 2019.
- **MSP** The Policy Committee makes its recommendation to the Cass and Crow Wing County Boards of Commissioners and the Cass and Crow Wing SWCDs to authorize forwarding the Draft Pine IWIP. with supporting documentation, to the BWSR Northern Regional Committee for its consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m. Submitted by

Jim Ballenthin, Secretary



6/17/2019

**Proposed Changes to the 60 Day Draft**

	<b>Location in Plan</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>
1	Section 6. Goals	Change Goal 11 to prioritize lakes with over 10% impervious and/or a declining water quality trend.
2	Section 7. Implementation Table	Add the Mississippi Headwaters Board as a partner in easements and acquisitions actions.
3	Section 7. Implementation Table	Revise the action for the LGUs to meet periodically to review ordinances to include the cities in these meetings too.
4	Section 7. Implementation Table	Add an action to the implementation table that says "Coordinate with the DNR on well installation in the watershed and future monitoring". This will be a level 3 action for installation and level 1 action for monitoring. The cost is estimated at \$3,000 per well.
5	Section 7. Implementation Table	Add an action to Goal 6 that addresses continuing to enforce SSTs ordinances.
6	Section 9. Plan Administration	Change the formatting to match BWSR 2.0 Guidelines.

## AGENDA

Pine River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)

Regular Meeting

06/26/2019

35458 Butternut Point Rd, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Ideal Township Hall

1. Call to Order 10:30 a.m.
2. Agenda Approval
3. Approval Secretary Report
4. Invoice Payment **(Decision)**
5. RFP Contractor Adaptive Grazing Management **(Decision)**
6. LSOHC Grant Application (Report)
7. Review Comments State Agency's and Public comments (Review)
8. Open Public Hearing 11:00 a.m. **(Decision)**
9. Close the Public Hearing **(Decision)**
10. Draft Plan Approval **(Decision)**
11. Next Steps in the plan process (Regional Committee Meeting)
12. Adjournment
13. Thank you Luncheon: Advisory Committee Members, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.