

Brainerd Mississippi River Watershed One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Crow Wing County Land Services Department
322 Laurel St.
Brainerd, MN 56401

In-Person Attendees:

Diane Jacobson-Crow Wing SWCD Supervisor
Barb Becker-Todd County Commissioner
Mark Wedel- Aitkin County Commissioner
Lee Buchholz-Todd County SWCD Supervisor
Tom Brutscher-Morrison SWCD Supervisor
Steve Barrows-Crow Wing County Commissioner
Wayne Anderson-Aitkin SWCD Supervisor
Greg Blaine-Morrison County Commissioner
Janet Smude, Aitkin SWCD
Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing SWCD
Jacob Frie, Crow Wing County Land Services Supervisor
Nicole Erickson, Crow Wing County Environmental Specialist
Chris Pence, Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)
Paul Radomski, MN Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR)
Bonnie Goshey, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
Bethany Chaplin, Conservationist Specialist, Crow Wing SWD
Ross Brinks, Minnesota GreenCorps Member, Crow Wing SWCD

Online Attendees:

Moriya Rufer, Houston Engineering Inc.
Greg Kimman, City of Little Falls
Adam Ossefoort, Todd County

Meeting Started at 2:00 p.m.

1. Introductions: Each person in the room and online stated their name and shared a Mississippi River or a watershed memory.
2. The City of Little Falls adopted the Memorandum of Agreement for Watershed Planning. A designated City Council Member will attend future Policy Committee Meetings.
3. Bylaws: Policy Committee Members and staff reviewed the Bylaws.
There was a motion by Commissioner Mark Wedel and seconded by Commissioner Barrows to adopt the bylaws as presented.
There was a motion by Commissioner Wedel and seconded by Supervisor Anderson to have Commissioner Barrows serve as chair of this committee.

There was a motion by _____ and seconded by Supervisor Buchholz to have Supervisor Wayne Anderson serve as Vice-Chair.

Staff will provide the secretary's report for committee approval at each meeting.

4. Paul Radomsk (MN DNR), Lake Ecologist, presented the Lake prioritization process and information for the Miss. River Brainerd Watershed.
5. Advisory Committees: The committee reviewed the two committees Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen Advisory Committee. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will meet monthly the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) will meet every quarter. The Policy Committee will email staff their suggestions for both committees. The team will develop meeting schedules and suggest candidates for both committees at the 05.24.22 Policy Committee Meeting.
6. Kickoff Meeting: Consensus to schedule the Kickoff Event on Monday, June 06, 2022, at Camp Ripley from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Draft Agenda provided to the group.
7. Moriya Rufer, Houston Engineering Inc., introduced herself to the group. Moriya will be the planner writer.
8. Bonnie Goshey, MPCA Watershed Coordinator, reviewed the different data sets that the MPCA has collected through the Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan process.
9. Next Meeting will be Tuesday, May 24, 2022, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Potential Agenda items:
 - Finalize Advisory Committee Members
 - Presentations from BWSR Staff
 - Presentation from MN Dept of Health
 - State Agency Comment Letters (if we have received the letters).
10. Adjournment:

There was a motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to adjourn the meeting at 2: 45 p.m.