

Citizens Advisory Committee for the Mississippi- Brainerd 1W1P

held **July 27, 2022** at the Crow Wing Land Services Building 322 Laurel St., Brainerd, MN

Present:

Bob Karls, Crow Wing Northern Waters Land Trust (online)

Kathy Beockman, Lake Beauty, Todd County (online)

Rick Jones, Lake Beauty, Todd County (online)

Lee Daly, Big Swan Lake, Todd County (online)

Steve Brown, Long Lake, Todd County (online)

Pat Murphy, Aitkin County (online)

Tim and Lorie Strock, Randall, Morrison County

Camille Warzech, Little Falls, Morrison County

Paige Van Pelt, Aitkin County

Agency: Lance Chisolm, Morrison SWCD; Bethany Chaplin, Crow Wing SWCD; Deja Anton, Todd SWCD; Jeff Hrubes, BWSR; Chris Pence, BWSR; Moriya Rufer, Houston Engineering, Consultant; Tad Erickson, Region 5.

Meeting Notations:

- ❖ Tad discussed the agenda.
- ❖ Chris Pence discussed the framework for the 1W1P. These are local plans, all work is voluntary. However, without a plan, our watershed would be prohibited from obtaining funding for water quality projects. At the end of this process, there is a 60 day Comment Period both internally and for the public. Chris felt the Kick off Meeting was well attended and those voices were captured. This committee provides even more information and direction on the draft versions of the plan. Chris explained the sections of the plan, and reminded members that this is a ten year plan.
- ❖ Next, Moriya explained the various watershed maps provided to the Committee.
- ❖ Lee Daly wanted to know how many citizens were present. There were 10. Deja added that there were others who wanted to attend but the time, location, and distance was not feasible. Lee also asked if this plan will focus on *impaired waters*. Chris Pence spoke up and said that is something this committee could look at and make recommendation.
- ❖ Each member was handed a sticky note pad and asked to brainstorm issues in their regions. Sitting next to Morrison County citizens, concerns were shared such as stream testing on smaller streams, invasive species, fishing and recreation, runoff increasing more weed growth in lakes, soil erosion, nitrates in wells,; manure and sandy soils, Belle Prairie- high nutrients to river, stormwater in cities; preserving the ag economy, Minnesota Power, bank erosion at the Little Falls Museum were brought up. Everyone's ideas were heard and recorded on to the wall in the meeting room. Online participants could view through Moriya's camera. Deja will collect further concerns from the others members in Todd via phone calls.

- ❖ Citizens were next asked to place sticky dots on the topics of highest concern to them. Each participant got 5 stickers to place...

