

<u>Meeting Attendance Log</u>	<u>Present?</u> Y/N/On-Line (OL); Member attendance NA for this Committee;	
<u>Member Name</u>		<u>Organization</u>
Jim Chamberlin	Y	Crow Wing SWCD- Supervisor
Bethany Chaplin	N	Crow Wing SWCD
Steve Barrows-CHAIR	Y	Crow Wing County Commissioner
Melissa Barrick	Y	Crow Wing SWCD- Manager
Mark Weidel	Y	Aitkin County Commissioner
Wayne Anderson	Y	Aitkin SWCD- Supervisor
Lee Buchholz	Y	Todd SWCD- Supervisor
Adam Ossefoort	N	Todd County/SWCD
Barb Becker	Y	Todd County-Commissioner
Tom Brutscher	Y	Morrison SWCD- Supervisor
Shannon Wettstein	Y	Morrison SWCD- Manager
Darren Meyers	N	BWSR
Tad Erickson	N	Region 5
Jeff Hrubes	Y	BWSR
Moriya Rufer	Y	Houston Engineering- Consultant
Janet Smude	Y	Aitkin SWCD
Diane Jacobson	Y	Crow Wing Supervisor
Dillion Christianson	NA	
Greg Blaine	N	Morrison County
Amy Kowalski	N	Morrison County
Jacob Frie	Y	DNR
Deja Anton	Y	Todd SWCD- Manager

## Mississippi – Brainerd Policy Meeting Notes

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

**Date of Meeting:** April 25, 2023 **Committee Type:** Policy **Time:** 3:00 pm

### Agenda Items:

- Commissioner Steve Barrows called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
  - ✚ Meeting Agenda was approved. **1<sup>st</sup>: Chamberlain 2<sup>nd</sup>: Becker. Motion carried.**
  - ✚ 2.28.23 Meeting Minutes were reviewed.
 

Discussion: *Morrison County District Manager, Shannon Wettstein, noted that the comments attributed to "Greg P." in the minutes may not be referring to the correct person. Todd SWCD District Manager, Deja Anton, confirmed that the attendance record had been adjusted and that the person referred to as "Greg P." was actually Greg Blaine or "Greg B".*

**A motion was made by Lee Buchholz to accept the minutes with the correction noted. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Becker. Motion carried.**

- Goals Section:

Moriya shared and defined the 7 main goals of the plan.

1. **Protection:** Covers 14,765 ac. of easements, (FMP) Forest Management Plans, (SFIA) Sustainable Forest Incentive Act ac.
2. **Agricultural Land Management:** 7,129 ac. Nutrient Mgt., Cover Crops, Pasture Mgt., Irrigation, Structural Practices
3. **Phosphorus Reduction**
4. **Urban Stormwater Management:** focuses on cities with impacts to lakes/river
5. **Drinking Water Protection:** 100 unused wells sealed; 160 ac. of BMPs in DWSMAs
6. **Shoreline Restoration:** 2 miles of management
7. **Water Retention:** Required by BWSR: projects designed for future trends in precip.; not on past precip. Data

Discussion:

- Barrows questioned the legislature was accommodating any of the increases in design standards as they work through the bills.
- Hrubes made a request to retitle Goal 6 to “Shoreline Management” to encompass all efforts in protecting lakes whether that is shoreline restoration, riparian forests, education etc. Moriya was willing to retitle.
- Buchholz brought up a similar point on page 11 of the goals section under Phosphorus Reduction. Buchholz stated that we are not restoring lakes, we are maintaining or managing them at the levels they are currently at. He felt that could be misinterpreted as returning lakes to their original conditions; that is not achievable.
- Jake Frie cautioned the committee on changing verbiage too much as this is common language amongst all water plans and could get confusing. Buchholz asked for a descriptor on the margin. Moriya agreed that she could fit that in somewhere.
- Jim Chamberlain asked how the lakes were selected in the priority area. He was wondering if all the lakes under the restoration/management category were impaired. Moriya said they were the ones least impaired and not all lakes were included- the ones with human influence, and those with proactive lake associations or residents.
- Jim Chamberlain asked how the committees plan to incorporate the idea that we may not be restoring and/or managing shorelines as fast as they are getting developed or impacted by human activity.
- Moriya does have a “big picture” chapter of the plan which is unique to any other watershed plan she has yet to develop to help frame the need for social change.

Melissa felt that more verbiage could be added to the implementation table which is still in draft form.

**Anderson made a motion to accept the goals. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brutscher. Motion Carried.**

- Overall Plan Costs:

Moriya shared the three levels of funding and that the plan would provide Level 3 funding.  
NO ACTION NEEDED

- Vision Statement:

Two versions of the Vision Statement were shared, the original created by Todd Holman, Deja Anton, and Moriya Rufer with the second being trimmed down version by the Steering Committee. The TAC had preferred the second paragraph of the original vision statement, written as such:

*We work together to safeguard the waters that draw people here, keeping farms farms and forests forests, a space for everybody.*

The TAC suggested placing the original opening sentence in a side bar entitled: Our Space or some other fitting title.

Example:

### Our Space

Shaped by the glaciers and the people, the story of the watershed flows along the

MISSISSIPPI RIVER,

w g a history of *connectivity* to the water...  
e n to places...  
a l and to  
v each other.\*

*Unsolicited creative liberties were taken on the part of the notetaker.*

*This was not approved by any committee. ☺*

**Motion to adopt the vision statement as suggested by the TAC: 1<sup>st</sup>: Buchholz. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chamberlain.  
Motion carried.**

### Formal Agreement:

Crow Wing SWCD District Manager, Melissa Barrick, spoke to the models of governance for 1W1P Implementation. The TAC recommended that it be indicated in the plan that a Collaborative Model would be followed and any change, if so desired by the Policy Committee, could be made during the implementation stages. Barrows concurred.

**Motion to Approve a Collaborative Model: 1<sup>st</sup>: Chamberlain. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Weidel. Motion Carried.**

Set a Date for the Public Hearing:

Crow Wing SWCD District Manager, Melissa Barrick, informed the committee that the next Policy Meeting would be June 27, 2023, there would be a recess in July and August for the Public Comment Period, and that the TAC recommended holding the Public Hearing on September 26, 2023 at Camp Ripley as hosted by Morrison SWCD. The Public Hearing would serve as a Policy Committee Meeting.

**Public Hearing date was set for September 26, 2023.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm as motioned: 1<sup>st</sup>: Chamberlain. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brutscher. Motion Carried.