

Pine River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Policy Committee
August 28, 2023
Cass County Land Department, Backus, MN

<u>Attendee Names</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Status</u>
Jeff Peterson	Cass County Commissioner	Present
Jon Lubke	Crow Wing County Commissioner	Present
Katy Botz	Cass SWCD Interim Supervisor	Present
JoAnn Weaver	Crow Wing SWCD Supervisor	Absent
Adam Maleski	Crow Wing SWCD District Technician	Present
Dana Gutzmann	Cass SWCD Conservation Manager	Present
Darren Mayer	BSWR	Present
Jeff Hrubes	BSWR.	Present
Melissa Barrick- Zoom	Crow Wing SWCD District Manager	Present

1. Call to Order 10:00 am - Chairman Jeff Peterson

The Pledge of Allegiance

2. Agenda Approval

Motion by Lubke, second Botz, to approve the agenda, Ayes: Peterson, Lubke, Botz, motioned carried.

3. Secretary Report Approval

Secretary Report from previous meeting was tabled until Maleski is able to duplicate the missing computer file. Botz will be fulfilling secretary replacing Ballenthin.

4. Pine River Phase III Budget

Maleski presented the proposed budget followed by a discussion by all those in attendance. Motion by Lubke, second Peterson, to approve the budget as recommended and presented, Ayes: Peterson, Lubke, Botz, motioned carried.

Pine River Phase 3 Allocation (Total Allocation: \$634,381)

Chlorides Training \$5,000

Grant Administration \$20,000

Marketing and Supplies \$9,000

Pasture Management \$45,000

Private Forest Management \$45,000

Project Development \$30,000

Shoreline Buffers and Raingardens \$65,381

Technical Assistance \$50,000

Crosslake Stormwater Project Phase 3 \$215,000

Humphrey Project \$125,000

Feasibility for Whitefish \$25,000

5. Project Updates - Maleski, Mayers, Gutzmann, Hrubes, Barrick

Hrubes spoke regarding the upcoming five year plan review due to start in the Fall of 2024. Barrick stated that grant funds are available to help cover costs associated with the mandatory review.

5.4 Bolton and Menk Chloride Update

Smart Road Salt Training was held August 15 with 30 people in attendance. August 29th Property Management, virtual training has 20 participants currently registered. September 28th Parking Lots and Sidewalks training information is now being distributed.

5.5 No Till drill

The newly purchased drill is being stored and serviced at Happy Dancing Turtle until winter. There has been lots of interest regarding rental options by local farmers for \$14.00 per acre with a \$200.00 refundable deposit. The drill will be moved after Fall plantings are complete to the Crow Wing County Fairgrounds for winter storage.

5.6 Federal 319 Grant

Federal 319 Grant (\$320,074) update was presented by Barrick. Lubke will be joining a group traveling to the Cities to request additional grant funds to continue easements for the Whitefish Watershed.

5.9 Pine/Leech Phase 3 Easement Application

The application is being submitted to obtain additional funds for the next phase of easements in the summer of 2024.

5.10 Crow Wing County Well Sealing Program Updates

Crow Wing County Well Water Sealing Program Update Report was tabled.

5.11 Septic Training 5:30 to 7:00 PM Ideal Township Hall

Septic Training will be held on September 15th at Ideal Township Hall from 5:30-7:00 with approximately 30 people registered at this time.

6. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM by Chairman Peterson.