

<b><u>Meeting Attendance Log</u></b>	<b><i>Present? Y/N/On-Line (OL);Member attendance NA for this Committee;</i></b>	
<b><i>Member Name</i></b>		<b><i>Organization</i></b>
Steve Barrows-CHAIR	Y	Crow Wing County Commissioner
Melissa Barrick	Y	Crow Wing SWCD- Manager
Dianne Jacobson	Y	Crow Wing SWCD Supervisor
Mark Wedel	OL	Aitkin County Commissioner
Janet Smude	Y	Aitkin SWCD- Manager
Wayne Anderson	Y	Aitkin SWCD- Supervisor
Barb Becker	Y	Todd County-Commissioner
Barb James	Y	Todd SWCD Supervisor- alternate
Tom Brutscher	Y	Morrison SWCD- Supervisor
Greg Blaine	OL (mid-meeting)	Morrison County Commissioner
Shannon Wettstein	Y	Morrison SWCD- Manager
Darren Meyers	Y	BWSR
Deja Anton	Y	Todd SWCD- Manager
Ava	Y	Aitkin County

## Mississippi – Brainerd Policy Meeting Notes

**Location:** Crow Wing County Historic Courthouse

**Date of Meeting:** February 26, 2024 **Committee Type:** Policy **Time:** 2:00 pm

### **Agenda Items:**

- Welcome
  - 2:02 Commissioner Barrows, Chair, called the meeting to order
- Agenda
  - Supervisor Wayne Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Supervisor Tom Brutscher. Motion passed unanimously.
- Minutes
  - Brutscher made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Update
  - Barrows testified before BWSR on December 14. He said it was a very good experience. No questions asked due to the thoroughness of the plan .BWSR liked the quality of the report. Meyers said the team did an outstanding job and 1.4 Million was set aside to implement the plan.
  - Barrick thanked Commissioner Barrows.
- Draft Budget/Work Plan
  - The first allocation of funding is in the amount of \$1,492,655.
  - Aitkin SWCD will be the Fiscal Agent.
  - \$149,265.50 will be the match.

- Barrick walked the group through the budget. The goal is to accomplish 10% of our goals in the first biennium, but hopefully we will surpass that. Each of the categories for spending will be distributed out to the partners to be spent on projects.
- Each SWCD described their projects in the following order:
  - Aitkin
  - Crow Wing
  - Morrison
  - Todd
- Threshold for Grant Dollars Movement
  - There was discussion about moving more than 10% from category to category without the policy committee. Most felt that flexibility should be allowed on the part of the Steering Committee. This would become a part of the plan bylaws. While Commissioners present showed support – not all were present. Notes indicate disappointment that many Policy Members were not present. Notes indicate that Commissioners were in favor. Unclear on order: Anderson first? and Brutscher second?
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- MOU Implementation
  - The end-date for the 10-year plan will be in the year 2033.
  - Additional parties will be allowed to join through a process
  - Read the proposed MOU. Some discussion on how additional partners joining mid-way through the process would affect the budget of the current biennium.
  - The MOU (final) will be brought to each Board in March for approval.
- Next Steps
  - Barrows summarized the timeline. The MOU would be adopted in March. The planning portion of the grant would expire in June 2024. In between, the Steering committee would complete the Work Plan for execution in June.
- Next Meeting Date
  - The Policy Committee suggested meeting in the end of October- the 29<sup>th</sup> was suggested.
  - Barrick suggested a meeting with the Technical and Advisory Committees over the summer.
  - Barrick handed out printed copies of the approved plan. Printing was done at Allegra- great imagery and maps.
- Adjournment
  - Becker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Brutscher. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Notes taken by Deja Anton, Todd SWCD.