

Meeting Minutes
Bois de Sioux and Mustinka Watersheds
1W1P [Policy](#) Committee
January 7, 2021 at 1:00 pm
PHONE CONFERENCE CALL & ONLINE SCREENSHARE & IN PERSON

<u>Member Organizations</u>	<u>Committee Representative</u>	<u>Designated Alternate</u>
Big Stone County	Commissioner Jay Backer	
Big Stone SWCD	Supervisor Dan Morrill	Supervisor Lon Moen [Absent]
Grant County	Commissioner Bill LaValley	Commissioner Doyle Sperr [Absent]
Grant SWCD	Supervisor Randy Larson	Sup. Odell Christenson [Absent]
Otter Tail County	Commissioner Kurt Mortenson	Com. Lee Rogness [Absent]
West Otter Tail SWCD	Supervisor John Walkup	Supervisor Richard Viger [Absent]
Stevens County	Commissioner Ron Staples	Commissioner Neil Wiese [Absent]
Stevens SWCD	Supervisor Greg Fynboh	Supervisor Debbie Anderson [Absent]
Traverse County	Commissioner Tom Monson	Commissioner Kevin Leininger [Absent]
Traverse SWCD	Supervisor Chester Raguse	Supervisor Carol Johnson [Absent]
Wilkin County	Commissioner Eric Klindt	Commissioner Dennis Larson [Absent]
Wilkin SWCD	Supervisor Kyle Gowin	Supervisor Josh Deal [Absent]
Bois de Sioux Watershed	Manager Linda Vavra	Manager Allen Wold [Absent]

Also Present

Henry Van Offelen, BWSR
Pete Waller, BWSR
Rachel Olm, HEI
Jeremiah Jazdzewski, HEI **[Absent]**
Jamie Beyer, BdSWD
Breanna Koval, Wilkin County
Lukas Croaker, BdSWD

1. Call to order

2. Approve Last Meeting's Minutes & Claims

LaValley motioned, seconded by Vavra, to approve the December 3, 2020 minutes. Motion carried. There were no claims.

3. Plan Approval, Adoption, Implementation

The assigned Steering Sub-Committee gave a plan presentation to the BWSR NW Committee on January 6, 2021. The presentation was well received. The NW Committee recommended that the plan be submitted to the BWSR Board, and will be considered for approval at their January 27th board meeting.

4. Biennial Workplan

The assigned Steering Sub-Committee recommended that the biennial workplan mirror the budgets incorporated into the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The Subcommittee emphasized that the upcoming \$1,000,000 grant must be spent according to a prioritized, targeted plan – so spreading out the funds equally amongst all of the planning regions won't qualify – a narrower focus must be determined. It was discussed that the Watershed District will initiate construction on two new capital improvement projects in

2021: the repair and retrofit of Judicial Ditch #6 (Rabbit River Planning Region) and Phase 2 of the Lake Traverse Water Quality Improvement Project (Lake Traverse & Bois de Sioux Planning Region). The Subcommittee determined that there would be value to bring practices to these planning regions, and recommended that 2021/2022 funds be targeted to these planning regions, in the % proportions described in the plan. **Because these planning regions involve four out of our six plan participant counties, representatives from Big Stone and Stevens County are encouraged to let Subcommittee members know ASAP if there are individual projects within their counties for 2021/2022 that present an opportunity that we wouldn't want to pass up – we can incorporate funding for these projects into our biennial workplan.** Policy Committee members voiced their support for this approach. The Policy Committee will formally consider approval of the Biennial Workplan at their next meeting on February 4, 2021.

5. Memorandum of Agreement

Attorney Lukas Croaker presented each clause of the Agreement, and answered questions from the Policy Committee. Policy Committee members requested that the agreement be forwarded to organization attorneys for their review. LGU's will consider approval of the Agreement at their February board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm.

The next meeting will be held at 1 PM on February 4, 2021.