

Meeting Minutes
Bois de Sioux & Mustinka Joint Comprehensive Watershed Plan
Policy Committee
September 2, 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 [Absent]	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 Kayla Schmidt [Absent]
Traverse SWCD	Supervisor Chester Raguse [Absent]	Supervisor Doug Frisch
Wilkin County	Commissioner Eric Klindt	Commissioner Dennis Larson [Absent]
Wilkin SWCD	Supervisor Kyle Gowin [Absent]	Supervisor Josh Deal [Absent]
Bois de Sioux Watershed	Manager Linda Vavra	Manager Allen Wold [Absent]

Also Present

Pete Waller, BWSR	Reed Peterson, Grant SWCD	Jamie Beyer, BdSWD
Jamie Beyer, BdSWD	Greg Lillemon, Grant County	
Bob Guetter, NRCS	Jared House, Grant SWCD	

1. Call to order. Approval of Claims and Minutes.

Vavra motioned, seconded by Backer to approve the April 1, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried.

2. Update on Implementation Grant & Work Activities

Beyer gave a brief presentation on the Joint Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, then described the work that has taken place over the past 6 months by the 13 partners:

1. Projects, Practices, and Capital Improvement Program

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3. Data Collection Program

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4. Education & Outreach Program

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5. Operations & Maintenance Program

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Some of the activities listed are eligible for reimbursement through the Watershed Based Implementation Fund.

WATERSHED BASED IMPLEMENTATION FUNDS Budget & Expense Report 2021 - 2023

WBIF GRANT ACTIVITY	GRANT BUDGET	SUM OF REQUESTS	SUM OF ACTUAL		BUDGET REMAINING
			EXPENDITURES PAID TO DATE	REQUESTS + ACTUAL	
Agricultural Practices - Wilkin	\$105,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105,000.00
BMP Construction (JD #6)	\$148,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 148,000.00
Project Development (Doran Creek)	\$115,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,724.82	\$ 15,724.82	\$ 99,275.18
Administration/Coordination*	\$25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,764.02	\$ 4,764.02	\$ 20,235.98
Non-Structural Management Practices	\$100,000.00	\$ 21,888.00	\$ -	\$ 21,888.00	\$ 78,112.00
Progress Tracking and Evaluation	\$10,000.00	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 2,620.00	\$ 7,380.00
Project Development	\$194,000.00	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 1,176.00	\$ 3,036.00	\$ 190,964.00
Project Installation/Const. (LTWQIP)	\$325,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 325,000.00
Project Installation/Const. (LTWQIP Cost Share)	\$106,452.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,452.00
Technical/Engineering	\$41,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,000.00
Well Sealing	\$1,522.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 722.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,170,974.00	\$ 27,008.00	\$ 21,824.84	\$ 48,832.84	\$ 1,122,141.16

Beyer has been informally notified that applications will be available early 2022 for a second Watershed Based Implementation Fund grant, that would be disbursed later in 2022. Beyer relayed that the Steering Committee met earlier today, and that SWCD's are finding it difficult to implement cover crops under the current grant constraints. The current grant expires 12/31/2023, and to be WBIF grant eligible, cover crops must be utilized for 3 consecutive years. The SWCD's will meet over the next month to discuss whether outside funds should be used to compensated landowners for cover crop contract terms outside of the grant period, whether an extension should be requested, to extend the current grant period to 12/31/2024, or whether current grant funds should be used for landowner contact/project development/reallocation and the second, 2022 WBIF grant should be used for cover crop cost-share for contracts to begin in 2022.

Beyer asked if the committee wanted to continue to meet every 6 months. Policy Committee members requested that they meet quarterly.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 6th AT 1 PM