Meeting Minutes Bois de Sioux and Mustinka Watersheds

1W1P Policy Committee
November 19, 2020 at 2:00 pm

PHONE CONFERENCE CALL & ONLINE SCREENSHARE & IN PERSON

| Member Organizations | Committee Representative | Designated Alternate |
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| Big Stone County | Commissioner Jay Backer | |
| Big Stone SWCD | Supervisor Dan Morrill | |
| Grant County | Commissioner Bill LaValley | Commissioner Doyle Sperr [Absent] |
| Grant SWCD | Supervisor Randy Larson | Sup. Odell Christenson [Absent] |
| Otter Tail County | Commissioner John Lindquist [Absent] | Com. Lee Rogness [Absent] |
| West Otter Tail SWCD | Supervisor John Walkup | Supervisor Richard Viger |
| 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] |
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Also Present

Henry Van Offelen, BWSR
Pete Waller, BWSR
Ben Underhill, EOT SWCD
Brad Mergens, WOT SWCD
Greg Lillemon, Grant County
Jared House, Grant County SWCD
Lynn Siegel, Traverse County
Rachel Olm, HEI
Jeremiah Jazdzewski, HEI [Absent]

1. Call to order

Backer motioned, seconded by Morrill, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approve Last Meeting's Minutes & Claims

Vavra motioned, seconded by Klindt, to approve the Minutes of the October 1, 2020 meeting. Morrill motioned, seconded by Klindt, to approve the \$828.00 claim from HEI. Motion carried.

3. Review Comments and Proposed Changes

Olm presented a summary of the comments received to date. Beyer gave an overview of the District's comments. The proposed changes will be integrated into a new plan draft and will be available for the upcoming scheduled hearings.

4. Public Hearings

Due to the pandemic restrictions, committee members and board managers are strongly encouraged to participate in the online hearing. Comments from the public hearings may be integrated into the plan. The

Policy Committee is expected to approve that the plan be submitted to BWSR, based on the condition that all participating LGU's pass resolutions to the same effect.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

A draft of the 2021-2030 Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the Bois de Sioux and Mustinka River Watersheds is now available. Please join us for one of the following public hearings and consider offering public comment!

November 30, 5:00 pm www.zoom.com or by telephone at 312/626-6799

Meeting ID: 827 2029 0133 and Passcode: 471080

November 30, 5:30 pm Graceville Community Center

December 1, 3:00 pm Campbell Community Center



If you have questions, or would like a copy of the plan, please contact the Bois de Sioux Watershed District at (320) 563-4185, bdswd@runestone.net, or view the draft plan on our website at www.bdswd.com/Overall_Plan.html

5. Update on LGU Resolutions

Signed LGU Resolutions are required to communicate each LGU's approval for plan submission to BWSR. To the extent possible, BWSR encourages SWCD's and Counties to use a similar format, so those organizations are encouraged to share their templates. The signed resolutions must be emailed to Waller on or before 12/23.

6. Implementation Progress

Representatives provided interest determinations to act as the fiscal host or program manager under implementation.

Big Stone County No interest
Big Stone SWCD No interest
Grant County No interest
Grant SWCD No interest

West Otter Tail SWCD Need response UPDATED: No interest Otter Tail County Need response UPDATED: No interest

Stevens County No interest

Stevens SWCD Need response UPDATED: No interest

Traverse County Need response UPDATED: Possible no interest

Traverse SWCD Need response UPDATED: No interest

Wilkin County No interest Wilkin SWCD No interest

Bois de Sioux Watershed Willing to be fiscal host, but weak Elink skills. The suggestion was made to add LGU's as Team Members in Elink -> then individual could enter their own projects and mapping. Group effort might be needed to craft narrative descriptions.

NEXT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING: December 3rd at 1:00 PM