

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Bois de Sioux & Mustinka Joint Comprehensive Watershed Plan**  
**Policy Committee**  
**January 6, 2022 at 1:00 pm**  
**IN PERSON**

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

**Also Present**

Pete Waller, BWSR                      Jared House, Grant SWCD  
Jamie Beyer, BdSWD  
Sara Gronfed, Traverse SWCD

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

Monson motioned, seconded by Vavra to approve the September 2, 2021 Minutes. Motion carried.

**2. Update on Implementation Grant & Work Activities**

Beyer, Gronfeld and House gave a presentation on the work that has taken place over the past 3 months on the Joint Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan:

**1. Projects, Practices, and Capital Improvement Program**

Continued development of Doran Creek Restoration project design, Wilkin & Traverse Cover Crop Programs, Closeout of Phase 1 of the Lake Traverse Water Quality Improvement Project, End of Construction for Phase 2 of the Lake Traverse Water Quality Improvement Project, Upcoming Bid Advertisement of Phase 3 of the Lake Traverse Water Quality Improvement Project, Construction Completed for the Repair of Judicial Ditch #6, Construction Completed for 2 Well Sealings, Planning Continues for Otter Tail Water and Sediment Basin Installation

**2. Regulatory Program**

Reviews & Updates to Bylaws, Rules & Policies, Public Drainage Systems & Permitting, Reviews & Updates to Ordinances, Construction Erosion Control, Shoreland Management, Feedlot Regulation, Floodplain Management, Buffer Rule, Bluffland Protection, Wetland Conservation, Comprehensive and Land Use Planning, Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems, Solid Waste Management, Aquatic Invasive Species, Wellhead Protection, Revision to Southern Boundary

**3. Data Collection Program**

Stream Gage Collection Sites, Project Specific Estimating & Modeling, Drainage System Inspections, 2021 LiDAR Collection for Both Watersheds, River Watch

**4. Education & Outreach Program**

River Watch, Water Fest, Project Tours, Conservation Days, Newsletters, Volunteer Activities, Citizen/LGU Surveys, Envirothons, Educational Materials, Public Meetings, Virtual Engagement, Soil Demo Plots, Field Days, County Fair

5. Operations & Maintenance Program

Constructed CIP's & Facilities, Legal Drainage Systems, Natural & Artificial Watercourses

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	SOURCE	GRANT BUDGET	SUM OF ACTUAL		REQUIRED MATCH
			EXPENDITURES PAID TO DATE		
Agricultural Practices	WBIF State Grant	\$105,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	-
BMP Construction (JD #6)	WBIF State Grant	\$148,000.00	\$ 148,000.00	\$ -	-
Project Development (Doran Creek)	WBIF State Grant	\$115,000.00	\$ 89,876.87	\$ -	-
Administration/Coordination*	WBIF State Grant	\$25,000.00	\$ 6,719.39	\$ -	-
Non-Structural Management Practices	WBIF State Grant	\$100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	-
Progress Tracking and Evaluation	WBIF State Grant	\$10,000.00	\$ 720.00	\$ -	-
Project Development	WBIF State Grant	\$194,000.00	\$ 6,256.25	\$ -	-
Project Installation/Const. (LTWQIP)*	WBIF State Grant	\$325,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	-
Project Installation/Const. (LTWQIP Cost Share)	Local Fund Match	\$106,452.00	\$ -	\$ 106,452.00	
Technical/Engineering	WBIF State Grant	\$41,000.00	\$ 775.01	\$ -	-
Well Sealing	WBIF State Grant	\$1,522.00	\$ -	\$ -	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 1,170,974.00	\$ 252,347.52	\$ 106,452.00	

The hearings have concluded for consideration of changes to the District's southern boundary. It will now be considered by BWSR. The group also discussed cover crop programs between SWCD's.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD APRIL 7TH AT 1 PM**