

Meeting Minutes
Bois de Sioux & Mustinka Joint Comprehensive Watershed Plan
Policy Committee
April 7, 2022 at 1:00 pm
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 [Absent]	Supervisor Lon Moen [Absent]
Grant County	Commissioner Bill LaValley	Commissioner Doyle Sperr [Absent]
Grant SWCD	Supervisor Randy Larson [Absent]	TBD
Otter Tail County	Commissioner Kurt Mortenson	Com. Lee Rogness [Absent]
West Otter Tail SWCD	Supervisor John Walkup	Supervisor Wayne Rotz [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	Supervisor Josh Deal [Absent]
Bois de Sioux Watershed	Manager Linda Vavra	Manager Allen Wold [Absent]

Also Present

Henry Van Offelen, BWSR
 Jamie Beyer, BdSWD
 Jason Beyer, BdSWD

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

Backer motioned, seconded by Klindt to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Klindt motioned, seconded by Eric, to approve the January 6, 2022 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Update on Implementation WBIF #1 Grant & Work Activities

During the past two months, there hasn't been a great deal of activity, payments were requested for work done late last year, and Project Development for Doran Creek was exhausted.

Budget & Expense Report
2021 - 2023

WBIF GRANT ACTIVITY	SOURCE	GRANT BUDGET	SUM OF REQUESTS	ACTUAL			
				EXPENDITURES PAID TO DATE	REQUESTS + ACTUAL	REQUIRED MATCH	BUDGET REMAINING
Agricultural Practices	WBIF State Grant	\$105,000.00	\$ 6,421.35	\$ -	\$ 6,421.35	\$ -	\$ 98,578.65
BMP Construction (JD #6)	WBIF State Grant	\$148,000.00	\$ -	\$ 148,000.00	\$148,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Project Development (Doran Creek)	WBIF State Grant	\$115,000.00	\$ -	\$ 115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Administration/Coordination*	WBIF State Grant	\$25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,853.68	\$ 7,853.68	\$ -	\$ 17,146.32
Non-Structural Management Practices	WBIF State Grant	\$100,000.00	\$ 21,888.00	\$ 11,999.98	\$ 33,887.98	\$ -	\$ 66,112.02
Progress Tracking and Evaluation	WBIF State Grant	\$10,000.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 880.00	\$ 2,780.00	\$ -	\$ 7,220.00
Project Development	WBIF State Grant	\$194,000.00	\$ 9,969.21	\$ 23,476.49	\$ 33,445.70	\$ -	\$ 160,554.30
Project Installation/Const. (LTWQIP)	WBIF State Grant	\$325,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ 775.01	\$ -	\$ 40,224.99
Well Sealing	WBIF State Grant	\$1,522.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 722.00
TOTAL		\$ 1,170,974.00	\$ 40,178.56	\$ 308,785.16	\$348,963.72	\$106,452.00	\$ 715,558.28

3. Update on WBIF #2 Grant Application & Workplan Proposal

The Steering Committee will finalize the WBIF #2 Workplan and present it to the Policy Committee at the June Policy Committee for consideration of approval. It is anticipated that a grant agreement in the amount of \$1,064,522 would be ready for signature in August.

4. Update on 10Year Plan Update for Boundary Revision

Houston Engineering will provide a quote to update about 10 maps in the plan that do not reflect the updated boundary. Beyer stated that the maps are physically very small in the plan, and that it might be instead possible to print existing maps of the border change and include those with explanatory text to add to a prologue for the plan. Van Ofelen supported this “working boundary” approach, and recommended that the Policy Committee formally accept the new boundary as the plan boundary, as a resolution or motion that would be recorded in the minutes. If Traverse and Big Stone Counties may need to update local water planning comprehensive plans, if they have them.

5. Project Presentation

James Guler gave a presentation on the development of Doran Creek Restoration. The project is the result of approximately 7 years of intermittent development, having started from a wide range of project alternatives and locations to reduce flood damage in and around the City of Doran and Doran Creek. Gowin, have worked on the Whiskey Creek and Wolverton Creek projects, stated that he did not foresee the Doran Creek area having as strong of interest in permanent federal and state easements. The project scope is still in discussions with landowners – the project could feature channel restoration and side inlets, or could involve the full easement acquisition of the 10-year flood plain. Landowner meetings have taken place with those adjacent to Doran Creek, but have not been hosted for the wider watershed (approximately 25,000 acres total). LaValley asked if land under easement would become classified as a permanent wetland.

Fynboh motioned, seconded by Klindt, to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JUNE 2nd AT 1 PM AND WILL FEATURE ELECTIONS