

Meeting Minutes
Bois de Sioux & Mustinka Joint Comprehensive Watershed Plan
Policy Committee
September 1, 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 [Absent]	
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]	TBD
Otter Tail County	Commissioner Kurt Mortenson [Absent]	Com. Lee Rogness [Absent]
West Otter Tail SWCD	Supervisor John Walkup [Absent]	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 Dwight Nelson	Commissioner Kayla Schmidt [Absent]
Traverse SWCD	Supervisor Chester Raguse [Absent]	Supervisor Doug Frisch [Absent]
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

Greg Lillemon, Grant County
 Jared House, Grant SWCD
 Jamie Beyer, BdSWD

1. Call to order.

Beyer announced that the meeting would be recorded, per a request from Backer.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes.

Klindt motioned, seconded by LaValley and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda. Vavra motioned, seconded by Klindt and carried unanimously, to approve the June 2, 2022 minutes.

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

Budget, expense, and disbursements were presented.

WATERSHED BASED IMPLEMENTATION FUNDS #1
C21-9685
Budget & Expense Report
2021 - 2023

WBIF GRANT ACTIVITY	SOURCE	6/22 AMENDED		SUM OF ACTUAL		REQUSETS + ACTUAL	REQUIRED MATCH	BUDGET REMAINING
		GRANT BUDGET	SUM OF REQUESTS	PAID TO DATE	EXPENDITURES			
Agricultural Practices	WBIF State Grant	\$118,722.00	\$ 24,263.35	\$ 7,402.65	\$ 31,666.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 87,056.00
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	\$ -	\$ 10,026.70	\$ 10,026.70	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,973.30
Non-Structural Management Practices	WBIF State Grant	\$87,000.00	\$ 21,888.00	\$ 25,671.95	\$ 47,559.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,440.05
Progress Tracking and Evaluation	WBIF State Grant	\$10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,250.00
Project Development	WBIF State Grant	\$194,000.00	\$ -	\$ 57,692.56	\$ 57,692.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 136,307.44
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	\$ -	\$ 6,946.98	\$ 6,946.98	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,053.02
Well Sealing	WBIF State Grant	\$800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL WITHOUT MATCH		\$ 1,064,522.00	\$ 46,151.35	\$ 374,290.84	\$ 420,442.19	\$ 106,452.00	\$ -	\$ 644,079.81

Beyer reported that the Bois de Sioux Watershed District has submitted the signed grant agreement for the second round of watershed implementation funds, but BWSR has not responded with their signature and first grant disbursement yet. Staples reported that BWSR recently awarded a \$200,000+ competitive grant to Traverse SWCD.

Beyer asked when LGU's should evaluate their unused WBIG #1 grant funds, to consider returning allotments for other LGU's to utilize; the consensus was after the end of the calendar year.

House provided an in-depth presentation of projects that have been completed by Grant SWCD throughout Grant County, including streambank/shoreline stabilizations, sediment basins, systems to prevent gully's, an urban rain garden, etc. Typically, projects are offered for 75% cost share, and landowners to apply their own equipment and labor towards their 25% cost share. Wells are sealed at 50% cost share, up to \$400. House described recent staff changes within Grant SWCD, the County, and NRCS. He also stated that an engineer has been hired, shared by several SWCD's, with the goal to have projects shovel ready in advance of grant executions. Lillemon described changes proposed to the Grant County Shoreland Ordinance. House recommended that, upon the publication of the Traverse County groundwater atlas, that USGS be invited to present to the BdS-M Joint Comprehensive Watershed Management committees.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 5, 2022 AT 1 PM