

Meeting Agenda
Bois de Sioux and Mustinka Watersheds
1W1P Steering Committee Meeting
11/12/2020 at 1:00 pm
by conference call and screenshare

<u>Member Organizations</u>	<u>Committee Representative</u>	<u>Designated Alternate</u>
Big Stone County	Danny Tuckett [Absent]	Darren Wilke [Absent]
Big Stone SWCD	Joseph Otto [Absent]	
Grant County	Greg Lillemon	
Grant SWCD	Jared House	
West Otter Tail SWCD	Brad Mergens	Ben Underhill
Otter Tail County	Kyle Westergard	
Stevens County	Bill Kleindl	
Stevens SWCD	Matt Solemsaas [Absent]	
Traverse County	Lynn Siegel	Bruce Johnson [Absent]
Traverse SWCD	Sara Gronfeld	Bruce Johnson [Absent]
Wilkin County	Breanna Koval	
Wilkin SWCD	Craig Lingen [Absent]	Don Bajumpaa [Absent]
Bois de Sioux Watershed	Jamie Beyer	Linda Vavra

CC:

BWSR	Pete Waller
BWSR	Henry Van Offelen
HEI	Jeremiah Jazdziewski [Absent]
HEI	Rachel Olm
Grant County	Reed Peterson [Absent]
Moore Engineering	Chad Engels [Absent]
Moore Engineering	Tara Ostendorf [Absent]

Welcome and Updates.

Discuss Plan Comments Received: Response letters included those from MPCA (no comments), MDA (3 comments), MDH (1 Comment), DNR (3 comments), BWSR (21) comments. Recommended changes will be made prior to delivery to the Policy Committee. The “Technical Advisory Committee” will be renamed the “Steering Committee.”

BdSWD & BWSR need to finalize the amendment section; the current version does not have enough detail for BWSR Plan Content, and BdSWD is aware that it is possible that an amendment will be required in the near future for the Doran Creek Water Management District (which can only be created by amendment).

Public Hearing Updates

Wilkin & Traverse:	Campbell Community Center	December 1, 3 pm
Big Stone & Stevens:	Graceville Community Center	November 30 or December 1st
Grant & Otter Tail	www.zoom.com	November 30, 5 pm
	Meeting ID: 827 2029 0133 and Passcode: 471080	
	Phone Only: 312 626 6799	

Minutes must be taken at the in-person meetings, and the online meeting will be recorded.

Discuss LGU Resolutions: There is no set number of days after the public hearings by which the plan may be approved/submitted BUT...Waller prefers to receive signed LGU resolutions on or before December 23rd, in preparation for the November 6th BWSR Northwest Committee meeting.

November 30/December 1: Public Hearings Held

December 3: Policy Committee will consider resolution to submit the watershed-based plan jointly to BWSR for review and approval, contingent upon approval of the plan for submittal by each LGU.

December 4 – December 23: Local Boards consider passing resolutions to approve plans for submission to BWSR. Send a signed copy of the resolution to Waller. A powerpoint of the 1/6/2021 presentation must be provided.

From our MOU/MOA:

b. Submittal of the Plan. The Policy Committee will recommend the plan to the Parties of this agreement. The Policy Committee will be responsible for initiating a formal review process for the watershed-based plan conforming to Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103B and 103D, including public hearings. Upon completion of local review and comment, and approval of the plan for submittal by each party, the Policy Committee will submit the watershed-based plan jointly to BWSR for review and approval.

From Page 10 of the BWSR Operating Procedures:

4. Approval by BWSR

After the public hearing, the Policy Committee submits the final draft plan on behalf of the local plan authorities: a copy of all written comments received on the draft plan, a record of the public hearing(s), and a summary of responses to comments including comments not addressed and changes incorporated as a result of the review process to the plan review agencies for final review. Depending on the decision-making outlined in the formal agreement, the participating local governments may need to approve the final draft prior to submittal.

- A. The BWSR Board shall review the plan for conformance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes §103B.101, Subd. 14 and §103B.801, final input from the state review agencies, this policy, and the *One Watershed, One Plan – Plan Content Requirements* document. Review process includes BWSR staff review and recommendation to a regional BWSR Committee where the plan will be presented to the committee by representatives of the participating local government(s). The Regional BWSR Committee makes a recommendation to the BWSR Board where final decision is made.
- B. The BWSR Board may approve or disapprove a plan which it determines is not in conformance. The BWSR Board shall complete its review and approval within 90 days or the next scheduled BWSR Board meeting.
- C. Appeals and dispute of plan decision follow existing authorities and procedures of BWSR Board.

5. Local Adoption

Local adoption by the local plan authority is required within 120 days of BWSR Board approval. If so granted through a joint powers agreement, the adoption may be by a watershed joint powers entity. If no joint powers entity with the authorities of the local plan authority was created, each local government unit shall adopt the plan individually. Implementation may occur individually or cooperatively for all or parts of the plan depending on ongoing agreement(s) between the planning partners. A copy of resolution(s) to adopt the plan must be sent to BWSR in order to be eligible for grants.

A presentation from our group will be required the morning of January 6th. Waller suggested that the 20-minute presentation focus on our goals, major specific actions, and the capital improvement projects.