

Meeting Minutes
Bois de Sioux and Mustinka Watersheds
1W1P Steering Committee Meeting
5/29/18 at 9 am

<u>Member Organizations</u>	<u>Committee Representative</u>	<u>Designated Alternate</u>
Big Stone County	Danny Tuckett	
Big Stone SWCD	Beau Peterson	
Grant County	Greg Lillemon	
Grant SWCD	Joe Montoneye	Jared House
West Otter Tail SWCD	Brad Mergens	Ben Underhill
Otter Tail County	Kyle Westergard	
Stevens County	Bill Kliendl	
Stevens SWCD	Matt Solemsaas	
Traverse County	Sara Gronfeld	Bruce Johnson [Absent]
Traverse SWCD	Casey O’Leary [Absent]	Bruce Johnson [Absent]
Wilkin County	Breanna Koval	
Wilkin SWCD	Craig Lingen [Absent]	Don Bajumpaa
Bois de Sioux Watershed	Jamie Beyer	Linda Vavra

CC:

BWSR	Pete Waller
Bois de Sioux Watershed	Chad Engels

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Linda Vavra.

Minutes: Upon motion by Solemsaas, seconded by Montoneye and carried unanimously, the Minutes of April 27, 2018 were approved, with the following corrections: Jared House moved to Grant County SWCD and Danny Tuckett and Beau Peterson to Big Stone County and Big Stone SWCD, respectively.

Advisory Committee Recommendations: Committee members discussed options for the makeup of the Advisory Committee. Waller stated that the Steering Committee will become the Advisory Committee, along with required State Agency reps. Beyer requested that citizens be allowed to serve on the Advisory Committee. Waller stated that citizens should be put in their own committee, meeting less frequently, as they will not want to be subjected to the frequent, technical meetings of staff. Montoneye recommended two citizens’ advisory groups; one for each watershed, and recommended that volunteers are not solicited until the Policy Committee approves by-laws. He also stated that citizens should be sought who will be able to base decisions on the good of the entire watershed, and not solely focus on individual interests. Montoneye offered that 1 – 2 citizens could be elected from each Watershed to serve on the Advisory Committee, and that some time will be needed to provide baseline education. Engels suggested a kick-off event to gauge interest, and Montoneye suggested that LGU’s look for candidates who also serve in other capacities, such as on township boards.

Recommendations from Steering Committee: Make the Steering Committee (1 staffperson per LGU) the Advisory Committee and add State Agency reps. Make a separate Citizens’ Advisory Committee

for the Bois de Sioux Watershed and Mustinka Watersheds. Allow a designated number of citizens to sit on the Advisory Committee, as elected by their own group.

Consultant RFQ: Committee members discussed the status of the revised RFQ; it has not yet been viewed by the Policy Committee.

Recommendations from Steering Committee: RFQ Subcommittee should review responses and select 2-3 to be interviewed. They would like to be included in timed candidate interview/presentations.

Buffer Software: Committee members provided what their department is using to track buffers. The majority are using BuffCat, supplementing with custom applications.

Overall Plan Content: Beyer passed around a copy of the 2003 BdSWD Overall Plan; it contains the flood damage reduction objectives of the Watershed, and then separate sections describing objectives from district SWCD plans. A chart at the end of the document shows roles and responsibilities by agency, and how objectives will be supported and prioritized, through cash or in-kind services. Montoneye raised concerns that 103D requires that more Watershed information to be included in the Comprehensive Plan; he doesn't want SWCD agencies required to support and adopt Watershed rules. Waller suggested adding Watershed rules as an addenda, and warned that LGU responsibilities and roles have to be carefully contained in this plan.

Upon motion by Montoneye, seconded by Mergens and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 26 AT 9 AM AT BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED.
A NOTICE WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL**