

Meeting Minutes
Bois de Sioux and Mustinka Watersheds
1W1P [Policy](#) Committee
August 6, 2020 at 1:00 pm
PHONE CONFERENCE CALL & ONLINE SCREENSHARE

Member Organizations

Big Stone County
Big Stone SWCD
Grant County
Grant SWCD
Otter Tail County
West Otter Tail SWCD
Stevens County
Stevens SWCD
Traverse County
Traverse SWCD
Wilkin County
Wilkin SWCD
Bois de Sioux Watershed

Committee Representative

Commissioner Jay Backer
Supervisor Dan Morrill **[Absent]**
Commissioner Bill LaValley
Supervisor Randy Larson **[Absent]**
Commissioner John Lindquist
Supervisor John Walkup
Commissioner Ron Staples
Supervisor Greg Fynboh
Commissioner Tom Monson
Supervisor Chester Raguse **[Absent]**
Commissioner Eric Klindt **[Absent]**
Supervisor Kyle Gowin **[Absent]**
Manager Linda Vavra

Designated Alternate

Commissioner Doyle Sperr **[Absent]**
Sup. Odell Christenson **[Absent]**
Com. Lee Rogness **[Absent]**
Supervisor Richard Viger **[Absent]**
Commissioner Neil Wiese
Supervisor Debbie Anderson **[Absent]**
Commissioner Kevin Leininger **[Absent]**
Supervisor Carol Johnson **[Absent]**
Commissioner Dennis Larson **[Absent]**
Supervisor Josh Deal **[Absent]**
Manager Allen Wold **[Absent]**

Also Present

Henry Van Offelen, BWSR
Pete Waller, BWSR
Danny Tuckett, Big Stone County
Reed Peterson, Grant County
Rachel Olm, HEI
Jeremiah Jazdzewski, HEI **[Absent]**
Jamie Beyer, BdSWD

1. Call to order

2. Approve Last Meeting's Minutes

Vavra motioned, seconded by LaValley, to approve the July 2, 2020. Motion carried.

3. Recommend for Approval Claims

Backer motioned, seconded by Lindquist, to approve payment to HEI in the amount of \$3,158.25. Motion carried.

4. Review Most Recent Financial Report

Olm presented total expenses vs. the plan budget. There has been savings by using conference calls rather than in-person meetings.

5. Comments / Responses from Informal Review

Olm presented the comments that were received under the informal review period, and demonstrated whether changes to the plan were made, and what they were. Chair Staples requested that the comments be emailed to the Policy Committee. Chair Staples noted the large investment the plan places in the “Filtration practices (filter strips, grass waterways)” action item. Olm informed the committee that this category includes existing CRP/CSP contracts, and directed committee members to Table 5-4, which separates this category into: New Projects Program & Land Contracting Program, and specifies that 100% of the Land Contracting Program is federal-based funding. Lindquist asked if the federal dollars are cut, whether plan participants will have to fill-in the gap to fund this high priority. Beyer relayed that there are many high priorities in the plan, and that the 1W1Plan Planning and Policy committees will only be putting together two-year budgets for Level 2 Watershed Based Implementation Funds; all 13 entities will continue to approve their own Level 1 institutional budgets as they see fit. Chair Staples voiced concern that if Level 2 Watershed Based Implementation Funds come in below estimates, that institutional budgets will have to supplement efforts. Olm stated that the Steering Committee had a choice: to create a budget for Base Funding + Watershed Based Implementation Funding or to have a separate budget for Base Funding and a separate budget for Watershed Based Implementation Funding. The Steering Committee went with the latter, which conveys explicitly that a decrease in Watershed Based Implementation Funding will not automatically trigger supplementation from organization Base Funding. Chair Staples asked that more attention be given to the Bacteria Loading goal, as the measureable outcome (livestock fencing) does not relate to the issue background.

6. Next Steps

Policy Committee members are asked to submit their plan comments on or before 8/24. It is expected at the 9/3 Policy Committee meeting, that committee members will consider approving the plan for 60-day comment.

The Policy Committee expressed interest in hearing about organizational options for implementation. Chair Staples asked that Beyer email committee members the summary of organizational options and sample formal agreements. Beyer will try to schedule guests for the 9/3 to talk about what structure they are using, and how it is working out.....

NEXT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING: September 3rd at 1 PM (Local Board Review via Zoom)