

Meeting Minutes
Bois de Sioux and Mustinka Watersheds
1W1P [Policy](#) Committee
July 15, 2019 at 1:00 pm

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

Designated Alternate

Commissioner Doyle Sperr **[Absent]**
Sup. Odell Christenson **[Absent]**
Com. Lee Rogness **[Absent]**
Supervisor Richard Viger **[Absent]**
Commissioner Neil Wiese **[Absent]**
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

Pete Waller, BWSR
Henry Van Offelen, BWSR
Jamie Beyer, BdSWD
Kris Guentzel, HEI
Jeremiah Jazdzewski, HEI
Breanna Koval, Wilkin County

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Approve Last Meeting's Minutes**

Upon motion by LaValley, seconded by Vavra and carried unanimously, the Minutes of May 2, 2019 were approved.

- 4. Recommend for Approval Claims**

Upon motion by Vavra, seconded by Monson and carried unanimously, \$11,961.26 and \$15,048.14 was recommended to BdSWD for payment. HEI has developed a monthly financial report that describes task completion and billing progress; figures through July 12, 2019 were presented.

- 5. Summer Bus Tour**

Beyer presented a proposed budget and date for a district-wide bus tour. Targeted start time would be 9 am (from Breckenridge area) and return time would be around 3 pm, and would include a pizza lunch in Graceville. There is room on the bus for 46 people, and priority on the bus will be given to the Policy, Steering, and Advisory Committee members. Ticket price is \$35. Additional cars would be organized if we would exceed 46

riders. Upon motion by LaValley, seconded by Lindquist and carried unanimously, the \$1652.50 budget for an August 26th tour and \$35/ticket price were approved.

6. Land and Water Resources Inventory

Guenzel presented an overview of the Land and Water Resources Inventory. LaValley verified that public and private arsenic well concerns be included. Upon motion by Vavra, seconded by Lindquist, the current version of the Land and Water Resources Inventory was approved with the caveat that some wording may change, based on feedback before and during the 60-day comment period.

7. Plan Section 1: Introduction

Guenzel presented an overview of the Introduction. Committee members discussed the importance of the following statement:

“The Policy Committee was made up of one county commissioner and one SWCD board supervisor appointed from each of the participating counties in the watershed, plus a manager from the Bois de Sioux Watershed District. The Policy Committee made all final decisions about the content of the plan and its submittal to and approval by the Board of Water and Soil Resources. The Policy Committee retained ultimate responsibility for plan direction, decisions, and content. The Policy Committee contracted with Houston Engineering, Inc. to assist with meeting facilitation for all committees, as well as plan writing.”

Policy Committee members were asked to think about whether there would be members on their respective boards who may want more detailed information during the 1W1Plan process when thinking about the eventual final approval of the document as a whole. Upon motion by Vavra, seconded by Lindquist and carried unanimously, Plan Section 1: Introduction is approved.

8. Update from Technical Experts

Guenzel read the Advisory Committee notes from subject technical experts.

9. Issue Prioritization

Guenzel read through the revised Issue Prioritizations, which have been updated by the Advisory and Steering Committees, in light of the information given by the subject technical experts. Staples asked, in light of the acres converted by the Buffer Law, whether habitat should remain a “high” priority. Lindquist suggested that wetlands can be a contributor of nutrients to secondary waterbodies – he has seen issues where a wetland was drained into the Pomme de Terre River, transferring high nutrients from the wetland to Pomme de Terre River. Upon motion by Walkup, seconded by Gowin and carried unanimously, the Issue Prioritization was approved.

10. Measureable Goals

Guenzel presented a goal spreadsheet, demonstrating the format that will be used. Steering Committee members will be meeting 7/29 to discuss goals. They will be discussed again on 8/1 by the Advisory and Steering Committees again and brought to the Policy Committee on 9/5.

**BUS TOUR – 8/26/19. NEXT POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING: SEPTEMBER 5, 1 PM
AT THE BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED. A NOTICE WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL.**