

<b>Lower Minnesota River West-Comprehensive Watershed Management Partnership</b>	<b>Policy Committee</b> Meeting #7 – Minutes	Date: 02/04/2021
		Time: 1:30 PM – 2:48 PM
		Location: Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting

**Staff Support:** Jack Bushman

**Note taker:** Joel Wurscher

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members:** Charles Mathews – McLeod SWCD, Marie Dranttel – Nicollet County, Steve Saxton – Sibley County, Paul Wiemann – Sibley SWCD, Eric Annexstad – Nicollet SWCD

**Others:** Amanda Strommer – Minnesota Department of Health, Amy Clyde – Nicollet County, Garry Bennett – Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Jack Bushman – Sibley SWCD, Joel Wurscher -Sibley SWCD, John Luepke – Nicollet County, Mark Hiles – Board of Water and Soil Resources, Jenny Mocol-Johnson – Board of Water and Soil Resources, Greg Williams – Barr Engineering Co.

## Agenda Items

**Minutes:**

1. Call to Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 by Board Chair Wiemann.
  - b. Roll call of attendees was done.
  - c. Bushman: “The policy committee meeting will be held in accordance to MN Statute 13D.021. It will be conducted by telephone due to the health pandemic and declared emergency. An in-person meeting is not practical or prudent.”
  - d. Bushman reminded committee members that voting will be done via roll call, and that committee members should state their name when making motions.
  
2. Review Meeting Agenda, Agenda Additions & Cancellations
  - a. A motion was made by Annexstad and seconded by Mathews to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.
  
3. Approve Minutes from 01/07/2021
  - a. The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 policy committee meeting. A motion was made by Saxton and seconded by Dranttel to approve the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.
  
4. Approve Invoice from Barr Engineering Co.
  - a. The committee reviewed the invoice from Barr Engineering Co. The invoice is for \$8,029.00 and is dated January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Bushman reviewed the services provided by Barr Engineering. A motion was made by Dranttel and seconded by Annexstad to approve the invoice. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.
  
5. Results of Stakeholder Engagement to Date
  - a. Bushman gave an update on the response and outcomes of the public input survey. As of 2/4/2021, 250 surveys have been completed. Approximately 70% of survey takers are from Sibley County, with another 15% being from Nicollet County. Of the 250 surveys, 200 have been completed online, and 50 surveys have been returned via mail.

- b. The results of this survey will be put into a memorandum for the policy committee.
6. 60 Day Notice – MDH Priority Issues and Plan Expectations Presentation
    - a. Amanda Strommer from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) gave a presentation of the 60 Day Notice response provided by MDH to the planning group.
    - b. Strommer covered topics related to groundwater protection, drinking water quality, community wells, private wells, and contaminants within groundwater.
    - c. Questions were asked by attendees about the effects of manganese on babies, and about what contaminants are naturally occurring.
  7. 60 Day Notice – MDH Priority Issues and Plan Expectations Presentation
    - a. Garry Bennett from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR) gave a presentation of the 60 Day Notice response provided by MDH to the planning group.
    - b. Bennett covered 11 priority resource concerns.
    - c. No questions were asked.
  8. Discuss Future Agenda Items & Schedule Next Meeting
    - a. The next Lower Minnesota River West CWMP policy committee meeting will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM and will be held via GoToMeeting.
    - b. A motion was made by Annexstad and seconded by Saxton to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 PM. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.

Approved on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Secretary

Attachments to Meeting Minutes:

- Barr Engineering Co. Invoice
- MDH PowerPoint
- MNDNR PowerPoint