

Lower Minnesota River West-Comprehensive Watershed Management Partnership	Policy Committee	Date: 03/04/2021
	Meeting #8 – Minutes	Time: 1:30 PM – 2:59 PM
		Location: Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting

Staff Support: Jack Bushman

Note taker: Jack Bushman

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

Attendees: **Others:** Bobbie Harder – Sibley County, Jack Bushman – Sibley SWCD, John Luepke – Nicollet County, Ed Lenz – Board of Water and Soil Resources, Jenny Mocol-Johnson – Board of Water and Soil Resources, Greg Williams – Barr Engineering Co., Karen Clayton Ebert – MCIT, Paul Hajduk – MCIT, Don Daraskevich – MCIT, Sonya Guggemos – MCIT, Tom Suppes – MCIT

Agenda Items

Minutes:

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 1:31 PM on March 4th, 2021 by Board Chair Wiemann.
 - b. Roll call of attendees was completed.
 - 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. Krueger suggested the use of “opposition voting” and the committee members agreed to its use.
2. Review Meeting Agenda, Agenda Additions & Cancellations
 - a. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Annexstad to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes Annexstad, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from 02/04/2021
 - a. The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the February 4th, 2021 policy committee meeting. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Annexstad to approve the February 4th meeting minutes. Ayes Annexstad, Krueger, 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 \$3,969.70 and is dated February 25th, 2021. Bushman reviewed the services provided by Barr Engineering. Wiemann asked questions regarding the outstanding invoice. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Mathews to approve the invoice. Ayes Annexstad, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.
5. Approve Public Engagement Survey Memo
 - a. Bushman gave a brief talk about public engagement survey memo and explained that this document will serve as a reference for the results of the public engagement survey. Krueger asked questions about the distribution and response to the survey from Renville County. Dranttel asked about what stood out the

most from the results. A motion was made by Annexstad and seconded by Dranttel to approve the memorandum. Ayes Annexstad, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.

6. Approve Issue Statements

- a. Bushman explained the who the issue statements document is organized and talked about how it was developed. Williams explained to the committee how these issue statements will be used in future prioritization workshops. A paired analyses approach will be used, and a worksheet is currently being developed. A motion was made by Kreuger and seconded by Saxton to approve the issue statements document. Ayes Annexstad, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.

7. MCIT – 1W1P Operational Arrangement

- a. Bushman talked with the committee about the purpose of the presentation and how the information will be useful when the committee begins discussions around the operational arrangement for plan implementation.
- b. Ebert from Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust gave a presentation about operational arrangements and the risks associated with them. Ebert’s presentation outline Contract for Services, Memorandums of Agreement, Joint Powers Agreements, Joint Powers Collaborations, and Joint Powers Entities. Krueger asked questions about how these arrangements can relate back to joint ditches.

8. Discuss Future Agenda Items & Schedule Next Meeting

- a. The next Lower Minnesota River West CWMP policy committee meeting will be held on April 1st at 1:30 PM and will be held via GoToMeeting.
- b. A motion was made by Annexstad and seconded by Mathews to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 PM. Ayes Annexstad, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.

Approved on April 1st, 2021

Secretary

Attachments to Meeting Minutes:

- Barr Engineering Co. Invoice
- Survey Memo
- Issue Statements Document
- MCIT PowerPoint