

Lower Minnesota River West-Comprehensive Watershed Management Partnership	Policy Advisory Committee Meeting #6 – Minutes	Date: 3/13/2025
		Time: 10:00 AM – 10:36 AM
		Location: USDA Service Center Conference Room 112 5 th Street Gaylord, MN 55334

Attendees:

Committee Members: Charles Mathews – McLeod SWCD, Kevin Miller – HICWD, Paul Wiemann – Sibley SWCD, Eric Annexstad – Nicollet SWCD, Doug Krueger – McLeod County, Keith Hennen – Sibley County

Others: Jack Bushman – Sibley SWCD, Tara O’Brien – Sibley SWCD, Joel Wurscher – Sibley SWCD, Shane Bugeja – BWSR, Mark Hiles – BWSR, Steven Budka – Nicollet County, Blake Honetschlager – Nicollet SWCD

Agenda Items

Minutes:

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Committee Chair Wiemann.
2. Committee Positions
 - a. A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Annexstad to leave the committee positions unchanged (Wiemann – Chair, Dranttel – Vice Chair, Miller – Secretary). Ayes- Annexstad, Hennen, Krueger, Mathews, Miller, Wiemann. Motion carried
3. Review Meeting Agenda, Agenda Additions & Cancellations
 - a. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Miller to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes- Annexstad, Hennen, Krueger, Mathews, Miller, Wiemann. Motion carried
4. Approve Minutes from 11/7/2024
 - a. The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the Policy Committee meeting on November 7th, 2024. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Mathews to approve the meeting minutes. Ayes- Annexstad, Hennen, Krueger, Mathews, Miller, Wiemann. Motion carried.
5. WBIF Fiscal Update & Outlook
 - a. Wurscher presented the FY22/23 WBIF budget to the committee. Discussion was held on the money remaining for staffing and projects. Wurscher then presented the FY24/25 WBIF Budget to the committee. Discussion was held on expenditures to date. Additional discussion was held on the EQIP program, the RCCP program and the CCRP State Incentives program. The committee was informed that the High Island Creek Watershed District has requested that the LIWG review how the Bakers Lake Dam project would fit with WBIF funding and plan implementation.
6. Education & Outreach Update
 - a. O’Brien informed the committee of the Soil Health Panel event that was held on February 6th. The committee was reminded that the LMRW CMWP has a Facebook page. Discussion was held on planning additional outreach events.

7. Adjourn & 2025 Meeting Schedule

- a. The next meeting will be held on August 7th, with an additional meeting to be held on November 6th. The committee asked project staff to provide updates on progress towards plan goals and funding sources. Project staff should approach the committee about scheduling another meeting, should it be needed to secure funding or advance plan implementation.
- b. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 AM. Ayes-Annexstad, Hennen, Krueger, Mathews, Miller, Wiemann. Motion carried.

Approved August 7th, 2025

Secretary