

Lower Minnesota River West-Comprehensive Watershed Management Partnership	Policy Committee	Date: 04/01/2021
	Meeting #9 – Minutes	Time: 1:30 PM – 2:04 PM
		Location: Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting

Staff Support: Jack Bushman

Note taker: Jack Bushman

Attendees: **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

Others: Amy Clyde – Nicollet County, Blake Honetschlager – Nicollet SWCD, Jack Bushman – Sibley SWCD, Joel Wurscher – Sibley SWCD, John Luepke – Nicollet County, Don Hermanson – Nicollet SWCD, Jenny Mocol-Johnson – Board of Water and Soil Resources, Mark Hiles – Board of Water and Soil Resources, Greg Williams – Barr Engineering Co., Ryan Freitag - McLeod SWCD

Agenda Items

Minutes:

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM on April 1st, 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.
2. Review Meeting Agenda, Agenda Additions & Cancellations
 - a. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Saxton to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes Annexstad, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from 03/04/2021
 - a. The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the March 4th, 2021 policy committee meeting. A motion was made by Annexstad and seconded by Mathews to approve the March 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 \$2,560.55 and is dated March 26th, 2021. Bushman reviewed the services provided by Barr Engineering. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Dranttel to approve the invoice. Ayes Annexstad, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.
5. Planning Grant Budget Update
 - a. Wurscher presented an update on the planning grant budget. To date, \$38,252.10 has been spent. This is approximately 16% of the grant budget. Sibley SWCD has been assisting Sibley County in eLINK reporting. All reporting is currently up to date and the grant budget is in good shape.

6. Review Preliminary Results of Paired Analysis Worksheet

- a. Williams and Bushman gave an update on the results of the paired analysis worksheet.
 - i. 20 responses have been received. These responses came from members of the advisory committee, policy committee and steering team.
 - ii. Erosion and soil health rank high for each group. Varying scores on other topics.
 - iii. Williams stated that these results will be used to establish a tiered approach.
 - iv. Krueger asked if agricultural groups are represented in the results of the worksheet. The group discussed the role of agricultural groups in the CWMP process.

7. Discuss Future Agenda Items & Schedule Next Meeting

- a. The next Lower Minnesota River West CWMP policy committee meeting will be held on May 6th at 1:30 PM and will be held via GoToMeeting.
- b. The committee will discuss future meeting locations and formats at this meeting.
- c. A motion was made by Annexstad and seconded by Krueger to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 PM. Ayes Annexstad, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttlet, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.

Approved on June 3rd, 2021

Secretary

Attachments to Meeting Minutes:

- Barr Engineering Co. Invoice
- March 4th Minutes