

Lower Minnesota River West-Comprehensive Watershed Management Partnership	Policy Committee	Date: 08/05/2021
	Meeting #11 – Minutes	Time: 1:32 PM – 2:24 PM
		Location: Commissioner’s Board Room, Sibley County Courthouse, 400 Court Avenue Gaylord, MN 55334

Staff Support: Jack Bushman

Note taker: Jack Bushman

Attendees: **Committee Members:** Charles Mathews – McLeod SWCD, Marie Dranttel – Nicollet County, Steve Saxton – Sibley County, Paul Wiemann – Sibley SWCD, Eric Annexstad – Nicollet SWCD, Doug Krueger – McLeod County
Others: Jack Bushman – Sibley SWCD, Jenny Mocol-Johnson – Board of Water and Soil Resources, Mark Hiles – Board of Water and Soil Resources, Greg Williams – Barr Engineering Co., Rachel Pichelmann – SEH, Ed Lenz – Board of Water and Soil Resources, Don Hermanson – Nicollet SWCD

Agenda Items

Minutes:

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM by Board Chair Wiemann.
 - b. Roll call of attendees was completed.
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, Mathews, Dranttel, Krueger, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from 06/03/2021
 - a. The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the June 3rd, 2021 policy committee meeting. A motion was made by Saxton and seconded by Dranttel to approve the June 3rd meeting minutes. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Dranttel, Krueger, 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 \$12,873.80 and is dated July 27th, 2021. Bushman reviewed the services provided by Barr Engineering. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Mueller to approve the invoice. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Dranttel, Krueger, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.
5. Groundwater Restoration and Protection Strategies (GRAPS) – Update
 - a. Bushman provided the committee with an update on the GRAPS reports for the planning area. The final report was made available to the planning group on 7/19/2021. This report will be used to help prioritize activities related to groundwater.
6. Discuss and Approve Spatial Priority Maps
 - a. The committee was presented with priority maps for tier 1 resources concerns. These tier 1 concerns have been grouped and map in the following categories: Surface Water Quality & Hydrology. The committee was asked to review 3 maps from each category and select 1 from each to be used by the planning effort.

- b. Surface Water Quality (SWQ): Version C, F & G of the SWQ maps were presented to the committee. Bushman and Williams provided insight into their develop and future use of these maps. Wiemann had questions related to the scoring rubric and priority areas. Krueger stated that the ditch systems and storage will be an important part of the success of this planning effort and wanted to make sure this is reflected on these maps. Hiles, Mocol-Johnson, and Pichelmann provided additional insight into the use of these maps and the importance of their development. A motion was made by Dranttel and seconded by Krueger to approve Version F of the Surface Water Quality maps. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Dranttel, Krueger, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.
- c. Hydrology: Version C, D & E of the hydrology maps were presented to the committee. Bushman and Williams provided insight into their development and future use. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Annexstad to approve Version D of the hydrology maps. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Dranttel, Krueger, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.

7. Next Meeting

- a. The next Lower Minnesota River West Comprehensive Watershed Management Partnership meeting of the Policy Committee will be held on September 2nd at 1:30 PM. It will be held in the Commissioner's Board Room at the Sibley County Courthouse.

Approved on October 14th, 2021

Secretary

Attachments to Meeting Minutes

- Barr Engineering Co. Invoice
- Spatial Priority Maps