

Lower Minnesota River West-Comprehensive Watershed Management Partnership	Policy Committee Meeting #12 – Minutes	Date: 10/14/2021
		Time: 10:02 AM – 11:08 AM
		Location: Commissioner’s Board Room, Sibley County Courthouse, 400 Court Avenue Gaylord, MN 55334

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, Doug Krueger – McLeod County, Jim Mueller – High Island Creek WD

Others: Jack Bushman – Sibley SWCD, Jenny Mocol-Johnson – Board of Water and Soil Resources, Shaina Keseley – Board of Water and Soil Resources, Greg Williams – Barr Engineering Co., Rachel Pichelmann – SEH, Karen Chandler – Barr Engineering Co.

Agenda Items

Minutes:

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by Board Chair Wiemann.
 - b. Roll call of attendees was completed.
2. Review Meeting Agenda, Agenda Additions & Cancellations
 - a. A motion was made by Annexstad and seconded by Dranttel to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Dranttel, Krueger, Saxton, Mueller, Wiemann. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from 08/05/2021
 - a. The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the 08/05/2021 policy committee meeting. A discussion was held around a possible date correction, but ultimately was decided that it should remain as is. A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Mueller to approve the meeting minutes. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Dranttel, Krueger, Saxton, Mueller, Wiemann. Motion carried.
4. Approve Invoice from Barr Engineering Co.
 - a. The committee reviewed the invoice from Barr Engineering Co. The invoice is for \$6,928.38 and is dated October 6th, 2021. Bushman reviewed the services provided by Barr Engineering. A motion was made by Annexstad and seconded by Saxton to approve the invoice. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Dranttel, Krueger, Saxton, Mueller, Wiemann. Motion carried.
5. Clean Water Specialist Change
 - a. Bushman announced to the committee that BWSR has reorganized which planning areas their Clean Water Specialists are responsible for. Shaina Keseley will now be working on the Lower Minnesota River West planning area. Keseley introduced herself to the group and provided some information on her background.
6. Draft Goals Discussion
 - a. Williams reviewed a draft of the goals table with the committee. Williams detailed each category and the goals associated with the specific category. While placeholder values exist, Williams explained that it is important for the committee to feel comfortable and approve of the table’s contents. A detailed

discussion by the committee was held on goals related to water storage, pollution reduction values, soil health practices and financial incentives. The committee recommended the addition of goals related to chloride reduction in both surface and groundwater.

7. Next Meeting

- a. Bushman gave a brief talk about several of the next steps in the planning process. The next Lower Minnesota River West Comprehensive Watershed Management Partnership meeting of the Policy Committee will be held on December 2nd at 1:30 PM. It will be held in the Commissioner's Board Room at the Sibley County Courthouse. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Mueller to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 am. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Dranttel, Krueger, Saxton, Mueller, Wiemann. Motion carried.

Approved on December 2nd, 2021

Secretary

Attachments to Meeting Minutes

- Barr Engineering Co. Invoice
- Memorandum & Goals Documents