

Lower Minnesota River West-Comprehensive Watershed Management Partnership	Policy Committee	Date: 2/3/2022
	Meeting #14 – Minutes	Time: 1:30 PM – 2:34 PM
		Location: Commissioner’s Board Room, Sibley County Courthouse, 400 Court Ave 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, Jim Mueller – High Island Creek WD, Doug Krueger – McLeod County
Others: Jack Bushman – Sibley SWCD, Jeremy Maul – Board of Water and Soil Resources, Shaina Keseley – Board of Water and Soil Resources, Greg Williams – Barr Engineering Co.

Agenda Items

Minutes:

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 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, Mueller, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann, Krueger. Motion carried.

3. Approve Minutes from 12/2/2021
 - a. The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the December 2nd meeting. A motion was made by Saxton and seconded by Annexstad to approve the meeting minutes. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Mueller, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann, Krueger. Motion carried.

4. Approve Invoice from Barr Engineering Co.
 - a. The committee reviewed the invoice from Barr Engineering Co. The invoice is for \$4,480.98 and is dated January 28th, 2022. Bushman reviewed the services provided by Barr Engineering. A motion was made by Mueller and seconded by Annexstad to approve the invoice. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Mueller, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann, Krueger. Motion carried

5. Board Conservationist Change
 - a. The committee discussed the change in point of contact of the Board Conservationist with the Board of Water and Soil Resources. Jeremy Maul, who will be the point of contact moving forward, introduced himself to the group. Bushman reviewed the plan progress to date and explained the need for the extension to the planning grant. The group discussed when implementation funding could be available for the partnership to use.

6. Implementation Activities
 - a. The committee discussed the implementation activities memorandum and table. Bushman outlined the proposed changes and discussed the review process of the implementation activates document. Three

joint workshops with the Advisory committee and Steering team had been conducted to review the document. The policy committee agreed to accept the changes as proposed in the memorandum.

7. Governance Structure for Implementation

- a. The committee reviewed the governance structure memo. Bushman reviewed with the group some of the previous governance structures that have been utilized in the past. Maul talked with the group about the structure some of the neighboring planning areas are utilizing. The committee held a discussion on the benefits of a Joint Powers Collaboration and agreed to hold discussions with their respective boards about governance structure preference before reporting back at the next policy committee meeting.

8. Next Meeting

- a. The next LMRW CWMP Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for April 7th, 2022. It will be held at the Sibley County Courthouse.
- b. A motion was made by Mueller and seconded by Krueger to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 PM. Ayes Annexstad, Mathews, Mueller, Dranttel, Saxton, Wiemann. Motion carried.

Approved on April 7th, 2022

Secretary

Attachments to Meeting Minutes:

- Barr Engineering Co. Invoice
- Implementation Memo and table document
- Governance Structure Memo