

Lower Minnesota River West-Comprehensive Watershed Management Partnership	Policy Committee Meeting #19 – Minutes & Public Hearing Record	Date: 11/10/2022
		Time: 10:00AM – 10:50AM
		Location: USDA Service Center Conference Room 112 5 th Street Gaylord, MN 55334

Staff Support: Jack Bushman

Note taker: Jack Bushman, Joel Wurscher

Attendees: **Committee Members:** Charles Mathews – McLeod SWCD, Marie Dranttel – Nicollet County, Steve Saxton – Sibley County, Doug Krueger – McLeod County, Jim Mueller – HICWD, Paul Wiemann – Sibley SWCD, Eric Annexstad – Nicollet SWCD
Others: Jack Bushman – Sibley SWCD, Greg Williams – Barr Engineering, Joel Wurscher – Sibley SWCD, Robert Nielsen – Sibley SWCD

Agenda Items

Minutes:

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Committee Chair Wiemann.
2. Public Hearing – Lower Minnesota River West Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan
 - a. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Mathews to open a public hearing on the Lower Minnesota River West Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Ayes- Wiemann, Annexstad, Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.
 - b. Wiemann opened the hearing by providing an introduction and background information on the partnership and planning effort.
 - c. A presentation on plan content and plan development was given by Williams.
 - d. The floor was opened to the public for questions or comments. Nielsen asked the committee to provide comments on strategies to ensure that cooperators will be willing to use cost share for projects. Discussion was held on the topic.
 - e. Bushman stated that no written comments were received during the public hearing comment period.
 - f. A motion was made by Dranttel and seconded by Annexstad to close the public hearing. Ayes- Wiemann, Annexstad, Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.
3. Review Meeting Agenda, Agenda Additions & Cancellations
 - a. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Saxton to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes- Wiemann, Annexstad, Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.
4. Approve Minutes from 10/14/2022
 - a. The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the October 14th meeting. A motion was made by Mathews and seconded by Mueller to approve the meeting minutes. Ayes- Wiemann, Annexstad, Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.
5. Approve Invoice from Barr Engineering Co.
 - a. The committee reviewed the invoice from Barr Engineering Co. The invoice is for \$6,612.50 and is dated November 1st, 2022. Bushman reviewed the services provided by Barr Engineering. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Saxton to approve the invoice. Ayes- Wiemann, Annexstad, Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.

6. Discussion on Public Hearing Comments; Plan Additions

- a. Additional discussion was held on the comments received during the public hearing.
- b. The committee discussed the Capital Improvements section of the plan. Additional discussion was held on including Alternative 8 from the Bakers Lake Outlet Structure Feasibility Report. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Saxton to include Alternative 8 in the Capital Improvement section of the plan. Ayes- Wiemann, Annexstad, Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.

7. Next Meeting

- a. The next LMRW CWMP Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for December 8th at 10 AM. It will be held in the conference room of the USDA Service Center.
- b. A motion was made by Mueller and seconded by Annexstad to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM. Ayes- Wiemann, Annexstad, Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.

Approved on December 8th, 2022.

 12-8-22
Secretary

Attachments to minutes:

- Public Hearing Script
- Public Hearing Notice
- Bakers Lake Outlet Structure – Feasibility Report