



Local Water Management Plan Advisory Committee (WMAC) Minutes

January 17, 2019 10AM

Mille Lacs County Historic Courthouse, lower level, conf. rm D, 635 2nd Street SE, Milaca MN 56353

Meeting called by	Mille Lacs County & SWCD	Attendees:	• Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD
Type of meeting	Regular quarterly meeting		• Harmony Maslowski, MLLWVG
Facilitators	Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD Dillon Hayes, ML County		• Maggie Kuchenbaker, Mille Lacs SWCD
Note taker	Maggie Kuchenbaker, Mille Lacs SWCD		• Kathy Stoeckel, SWCD Supervisor
			• Barb Zeroth, NRCS
			• Tony Miller, MNDNR Forestry
			• Stephanie Hillesheim, City of Princeton Community Development Specialist
			• Chris Klinghagen, Princeton WWTP
			• Leah Hill, TNC
			• Dillon Hayes, Mille Lacs County

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to:

- Develop & implement the goals and objectives outlined in the Mille Lacs County Local Water Management Plan.
- Provide information to the public related to the protection and restoration of water resources.
- Fund and implement projects to monitor, protect and restore water resources.
- Advice and support appropriate governmental agency, local interest group and landowner efforts to promote sustainable land-use practices related to the protection of water resources.

Shaw called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Introductions.

Shaw asked for nominations for the office of chair. Stoeckel nominated Shaw as chair. Shaw asked three times for other nominations.

Shaw asked for nominations for the office of vice-chair. Stoeckel nominated Hayes as vice-chair. Shaw asked three times for other nominations.

Motion by Stoeckel to approve nominations of Shaw as chair and Hayes as vice-chair; Hayes second. **The motion carried.**

Motion by Stoeckel to approve the agenda as presented; Hayes second. **The motion carried.**

Motion by Hayes to approve July 19, 2018 minutes as presented; Stoeckel second. **The motion carried.**

Review advisory committee purpose: Discussion adding local interest groups and landowners to the mission statement. Specific local interest groups to reach out to: cities, ag. communities, Corn Growers,

wastewater treatment plants, forest landowners (SFIA and 2C), local contractors (septic, shoreland restoration), road authorities, Fish & Wildlife, Mille Lacs Band, all townships (Greenbush and Princeton have their own zoning regulations), other key Mille Lacs County staff. **Motion by Stoeckel to approve the purpose statement revision of "Advise and support appropriate governmental agency, local interest group and landowner efforts to promote sustainable land-use practices related to the protection of water resources;** Hayes second. **The motion carried.**

Review membership: Discussion identified individuals or groups in the community that the committee would like to see invited to participate in water plan implementation and meetings. Suggestions included cities, waste water treatment facilities, ag producers, private forest landowners, local contractors & trades such as septic and shoreland, public works people from townships and the county, US Fish & Wildlife and the Mille Lacs Band Department of Natural Resources.

Newly adopted 2018-2027 Local Water Plan: Discussion on key focus areas for 2019

- Goal 1, Objective A and C; Surface Water: Identify waters that are susceptible to land use change and protect and improve water of Mille Lacs Lake
- Goal 2, Objective B and C; Surface Water: Manage impacts of forestland conversion and existing land use practices and reduce sedimentation through stormwater management planning
- Goal 3, Objective D; Surface Water: Increase protection of public and private forestland
- Goal 4, Objective A and B; Impaired Waters: Restore streams with biological and bacteria impairments
- Goal 5, Objective A and B; Groundwater: Complete County Geologic Atlas, Assess groundwater quality
- Goal 6, Objective A; Amplified Weather Events: determine the scope of change observed locally
- Goal 7, Objective A and B; Outreach & Civic Engagement: Organize citizens to address water resource issues

Shaw recommended staff will look into the specific goals and objectives listed and continue discussion at next meeting.

One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P): Shaw updated the committee on the Rum River One Watershed, One Plan comprehensive watershed wide planning effort. The committee discussed what the role of the committee might be during planning. The WMAC might be a place where participant input on local priorities can be heard and discussed and then provided to the 1W1P Advisory Committee. Members of the WMAC are also members of the 1W1P Steering, Advisory or Policy committees.

Member Updates: Hayes updated the committee that tree removal in County Ditch 3 is starting and tree removal in County Ditch 2 and 4 will be future projects of Mille Lacs County. Miller gave a presentation on Oak Wilt and possible assistance by the Morrison SWCD in the northwest region of Mille Lacs County.

Motion by Stoeckel to approve the 2019 meeting schedule (2nd Tuesday quarterly at 1:00pm); Hayes second. **The motion carried.**

Next Steps:

- The April meeting will be brief as it will be combined with the NRCS Local Work Group listening session.
- Shaw and Hayes will outline a 2019 work plan following the priority Goals and Objectives identified by the WMAC
- Invite DNR Hydrologist to July meeting regarding groundwater and irrigation

Evaluation: Stoeckel reported it was good. Shaw thanked participants for their input.

Motion by Stoeckel to adjourn meeting; Hayes second. **The motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Shaw, Water Plan Coordinator, Mille Lacs SWCD

