

Rum River "One Watershed, One Plan"

Policy Committee

Meeting #1

Coming together to identify shared goals.
Planning together to leverage unique capacity.
Working together to achieve results.

April 29, 2019
5:00-8:00 PM

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

Facilitator:	Dillon Hayes- Mille Lacs County	Note taker: Maggie Kuchenbaker, Mille Lacs SWCD
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Voting Members Present:
 Laurie Westerlund – Aitkin County
 Steve Laitinen – Anoka SWCD
 Warren Peschl – Benton County
 Jake Scherer – Benton SWCD
 Greg Anderson – Isanti County
 Al Koczur – Isanti SWCD
 Dennis McNally – Kanabec County
 Elizabeth Barnett – Lower Rum River WMO
 Genny Reynolds – Mille Lacs County
 Kurt Beckstrom – Mille Lacs SWCD
 Dale Scholl – Morrison SWCD
 Lisa Fobbe – Sherburne County
 Kerry Saxton – Sherburne SWCD
 Matt Downing – Upper Rum River WMO

Alternates Present:
 Jim Lindahl – Anoka SWCD
 Wade Bastian – Benton SWCD
 Terry Turnquist – Isanti County
 Jake Janski – Mille Lacs SWCD
 Barbara Burandt – Sherburne County

Partners and Staff Present:
 Jason Weirnerman- BWSR
 Dan Cibulka- Sherburne SWCD
 Susan Shaw- Mille Lacs SWCD
 Tiffany Determan – Isanti SWCD;
 Jamie Schurbon- Sherburne County
 Darrick Wotachek – Isanti County
 Harmony Maslowski – Mille Lacs SWCD
 Gerry Maciej – Benton SWCD

Voting Members Absent:
 Bob Janzen – Aitkin SWCD
 Paul Koering – Crow Wing County
 Diane Jacobson – Crow Wing SWCD
 Kevin Belkolm – Kanabec SWCD

Welcome and Introductions

Hayes reported that the goal of the meeting is to choose a consultant to write the Rum River One Watershed One Plan. The consultant chosen will be brought forward for recommendation to the Sherburne SWCD Board meeting on May 9, 2019.

Interview 1 – Wenck Associates gave a presentation and answered scripted questions and questions from Commissioners, Supervisors and Staff.

Interview 2 – RESPEC gave a presentation and answered scripted questions and questions from Commissioners, Supervisors and Staff.

Consultant Selection – Discussion. **Voted by show of hands. Unanimous for RESPEC to be brought forward for recommendation to the Sherburne SWCD Board.**

Next Steps

- Hayes reported that the planning team and steering committee will be moving forward in creating by-laws for the policy committee.
- Future policy committee dates will be the 4th Thursday of each month from 5:00-8:00. The policy committee may not need to meet every month, to be determined.

Next Meeting: June 27, 2019
5:00-8:00 pm
Location to be determined