



Local Water Management Plan Advisory Committee (WMAC) Minutes

Date & time April 9, 2019 10AM

Location 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:
Type of meeting	Regular quarterly meeting	
Facilitators	Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD	
Note taker	Maggie Kuchenbaker, Mille Lacs SWCD	
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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.
- 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.

Shaw called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Introductions.

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

Motion by Hayes to approve January 17, 2019 minutes as presented; Stoeckel second. **The motion carried.**

Shaw facilitated conversation regarding the 2019 work plan for the seven goals outlined as high priority at the January meeting. The format used added a column to show what partners were doing to reach the goals. Hayes requested that the action items be added to the document.

Shaw reported the Rum River One Watershed, One Plan grant should be executed by the end of April 2019. The next One Watershed, One Plan planning team meeting will be on April 22 to review written proposals from contractors. The policy committee will meet on April 29 to interview the top three contracts and will act on who will be hired to write the plan.

Member Updates:

- Shaw reported the city of Bock wellhead protection plan was submitted to the office. The SWCD has no concerns. Rasinski would like a copy.
- Hayes reported the tree removal for some of the county ditches is nearly complete and bids were requested for two more ditch projects.
- Maslowski reported she will be continuing in person outreach, two house parties are planned to promote lakeside buffers, Healthy Land Healthy Lake is in the planning process and the Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management Group (MLLWMG) plan of work was approved, AIS grant was approved and their new website is live.
- Miller reported cost share funds are still available for local landowners.
- Rasinski reported that project rankings are due April 19 and there are more applications than money.

The Local Water Management Plan Advisory Committee meeting transitioned into the Local Work Group Meeting.

Two more people joined the meeting:


Jake Janski, SWCD Supervisor

Eugene Burma, Mille Lacs County landowner

Shaw highlighted key sections of the Mille Lacs County Water Plan and how it relates to the local work group. The priority concerns and landowner input in the water plan were highlighted.

Rasinski requested input from everyone regarding land use concerns in Mille Lacs County. Discussion regarding highest priorities and targeted areas. The West Branch of the Rum River will be the target area for 2020. Rasinski requested that everyone fill out the resource concerns and causes form and email it or drop it off at the SWCD office by noon on Friday, April 12.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm


Water Plan Coordinator