



# Local Water Management Plan Advisory Committee (WMAC) Minutes

*Date | time* October 8, 2019 10AM

*Location* Mille Lacs County Historic Courthouse, lower level, conf. rm D, 635 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE, Milaca MN 56353

*Meeting called by* Mille Lacs County & SWCD  
*Type of meeting* Regular quarterly meeting  
*Facilitators* Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD  
Dillon Hayes, ML County

*Attendees:*

- Kathy Stoeckel, SWCD Supervisor
- Genny Reynolds, MLC Commissioner
- Tony Miller, DNR Forestry
- John Reins, US Fish & Wildlife

*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 1:05pm.

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

**Motion by Stoeckel to approve July 9, 2019 minutes as presented;** Hayes second. **The motion carried.**

Presentation – USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program 101 by John Reins, USFWS Biologist

One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) comprehensive watershed wide planning updates:

Shaw reported that the Mississippi St. Cloud/Sartell watersheds are not yet ready to do comprehensive planning. However, the Snake River watershed was awarded a planning grant and will now begin to identify Policy Committee representatives for an orientation meeting, and to form a Steering Committee to develop a work plan and budget. Shaw reported that the Rum River planning partnership has formed two Advisory Committees. The required Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) made up of partnership staff and agency representatives, and a second Implementation Advisory Committee comprised of people within the community who likely care most about the plan, or will be impacted by it. This group meets less often, reviews TAC recommendations, and focuses on the bigger picture.

Discussion included who in the community may be impacted by the comprehensive plan and needed for implementation, but isn't on the Implementation Advisory Committee. The WMAC could host small group community discussions to bring needed additional input to advisory membership.

2018-2027 Local Water Plan - 2019 Plan of Work:

Shaw and Hayes updated members on implementation progress to date.

Next Steps:

- Consider by-laws update discussion for the January meeting.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 2:49pm**

Next WMAC Meeting – January 14, 2020

Resources:

County Local Water Management Plan 2018-2027: [http://www.millelacs.mn.gov/index.asp?SEC=869E3212-7538-4265-9246-D5DF7C8823C1&Type=B\\_BASIC](http://www.millelacs.mn.gov/index.asp?SEC=869E3212-7538-4265-9246-D5DF7C8823C1&Type=B_BASIC)

One Watershed, One Plan - Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Planning: <https://www.millelacsswcd.org/rum-river-one-watershed-one-plan/>

BWSR One Watershed, One Plan webpage: <http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/planning/1W1P/index.html>