

Rum River "One Watershed, One Plan"

Policy Committee Outcomes Meeting #3		<p>Coming together to identify shared goals. Planning together to leverage unique capacity. Working together to achieve results.</p>
<p>August 22, 2019 5:00-8:00 PM</p>		
<p>Mille Lacs County Historic Courthouse, lower level, conf. rm D, 635 2nd Street SE, Milaca MN 56353</p>		
Facilitator:	Jamie Schurbon, Anoka CD	Note taker: Maggie Kuchenbaker, Mille Lacs SWCD
Voting Members Present:	<p>Bob Janzen – Aitkin SWCD Steve Laitinen – Anoka SWCD Wade Bastian – Benton SWCD Jim Chamberlin – Crow Wing SWCD Greg Anderson – Isanti County Al Koczur – Isanti SWCD Dennis McNally – Kanabec County Todd Haas – Lower Rum River WMO Jake Janski – Mille Lacs SWCD Lisa Fobbe – Sherburne County Kerry Saxton – Sherburne SWCD Matt Downing – Upper Rum River WMO</p>	
Alternates Present:	<p>Jerry Schaubach – Isanti SWCD Barbara Burandt – Sherburne County</p>	
Partners and Staff Present:	<p>Barb Peichel – BWSR Dan Cibulka – Sherburne SWCD Susan Shaw – Mille Lacs SWCD Tiffany Determan – Isanti SWCD; Jamie Schurbon- Sherburne County Nick Smetana – Kanabec SWCD</p>	
Voting Members Absent:	<p>Laurie Westerlund – Aitkin County Warren Peschl – Benton County Bill Brekken – Crow Wing County Kevin Belholm – Kanabec SWCD Genny Reynolds – Mille Lacs County Dale Scholl – Morrison SWCD</p>	

Welcome and Introductions; Approve agenda:

Schurbon brought forth an item to be added to the agenda. **Approval of the updated agenda, adding policy member liaison to the advisory committee discussion after election of chair and vice chair.**

Minutes:

Motion by Greg Anderson to approval of June 27, 2019 outcomes as presented; second by Lisa Fobbe. Affirmative: All. Opposed: none. **The Motion Carried.**

Budget review:

Cibulka presented an updated financial report to the board.

Update on project progression and work accomplished:

Determan presented an update on the project progression. Highlighting that the advisory committee members have been finalized and contacted, the land and water resource narrative has been completed by Hayes, outreach will continue throughout the planning process and the consultants are compiling various watershed studies.

Review plan timeline:

Schurbon presented the timeline to the board. The draft watershed plan should be completed by October 2020, it will then be submitted to BWSR for review, upon their review it will be submitted to the State of Minnesota for approval.

Kick off meeting summary:

Shaw reported that Jen Kader, Fresh Water Society, is working to summarize the data collected at the three meetings. The three meetings had good attendance and participation (Anoka 26 attended, Princeton 25 attended, Onamia 15 attended). Kerry Saxton reported he attended the Anoka meeting and the majority of the concerns from landowners was regarding the activity on the Rum River. Jake Janski reported he attended the Onamia meeting and the main goal of the landowners was preservation, they voiced concerns regarding lack of education and the solution was enforcing the current laws. Dennis McNally reported he attended the Princeton meeting and heard a lot of good ideas and good conversations throughout the evening.

Review/approve updated draft of bylaws:

Cibulka presented the by-laws. Discussion. The by-laws will be updated with the recommended edits. Board agreement that if the chair and vice chair are unable to be at a meeting, staff will facilitate the meeting. **Motion by Todd Haas to approve by-laws with suggested edits from the Board;** second by Al Koczur. Affirmative: All. Opposed: none. **The Motion Carried.**

Elect Chair and Vice Chair:

Motion by Jake Janski to nominate Lisa Fobbe as chair; second by Wade Bastian. Affirmative: All. Opposed: none. **The Motion Carried.**

Motion by Todd Haas to nominate Matt Downing as vice chair; second by Al Koczur. Affirmative: All. Opposed: none. **The Motion Carried.**

Liaison to the Advisory Committee:

Determan reported that the first advisory committee meeting is scheduled for September 9 at 12:30 at Mille Lacs County. Discussion of who would be the liaison. Decision of the board that the Chair and Vice Chair will share the position of liaison to the advisory committee.

Next Steps & Next Meeting:

Determan presented next steps:

- Next meeting will be on September 26, 2019 from 5:00-8:00 at Mille Lacs County
- Land and Water Resource Inventory presentation

- Review Outcomes from the kickoff events.
- Discuss overall need and purpose/set vision for the long term outcome and how this plan can get us there.
- Overview of data aggregation process:
 - Commonalties
 - Gaps of data
 - Priorities
 - Implementation strategies

Motion by Steve Laitinen to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 pm; second by Wade Bastian.

Affirmative: All. Opposed: none. **The Motion Carried.**