

Meeting Minutes

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting



ISG

Project Name: Mississippi River St. Cloud One Watershed One Plan
ISG Project Number: 28039
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Time: 1pm - 4pm
Location: Teams Meeting

Invitees/Attendees:

Benton County	Roxanne Achman
Benton SWCD	Gerry Maciej, Emily Forbord
Meeker County	Greg Schultz
Meeker SWCD	Joe Norman
Mille Lacs SWCD	Susan Shaw, Willow Dean
Sherburne County	Lynn Waytashek, Marc Schneider*
Sherburne SWCD	Dan Cibulka , Francine Larson, Miranda Wagner*
Stearns County	Becky Schlorf, Kyle Blazek
Stearns SWCD	Dennis Fuchs, Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Kyle Weimann*
Wright County	Barry Rhineberger
Wright SWCD	Luke Johnson, Alicia O'Hare
ISG	Sarah Boser, Paul Marsten , Jacob Rischmiller, Julie Blackburn
BWSR	Zach Guttormson, Brad Wozney
MPCA	Phil Votruba*
DNR	Reid Northwick*
MDA	Casey Field* , Margaret Wagner
MDH	Chad Anderson* , Carrie Raber
NRCS	Chris Hogge
USFWS	Steve Karel, Cody Carlstrom
TNC	Kayli Overland, Todd Holman
City of St. Cloud	Lisa Vollbrecht, Noah Czech* , Rocio Durkot, Shanna Czeck, Alison Schugel*
Morrison County	Amy Kowalzek
Morrison SWCD	Shannon Wettstein
Mille Lacs County	Keenan Hayes, Pam Kuhn, Mitch Gindele
Clearwater River Watershed District	Rebecca Carlson

Cibulka called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Introduction & Project Update (20 minutes)

- Introductions
- Project Status/Timeline Update: [MRSC Committee Tracking](#)
 - Draft plan for internal review anticipated mid-April
- Meeting outcomes/expectations
 - review MBA and approve to send to PC
 - address outstanding implementation tables for BMP, supporting programs, and measurable goals and approve to send to PC

- Multi-Benefit Analysis (MBA) Update
 - Subcommittee recommended map includes
 - percent of areas use to create breaks between categories (33% high, 33% priority, 33% opportunity)
 - professional judgment was applied to address areas that don't need to be prioritized and add areas that need to be prioritized that weren't captured as part of MBA.
 - addition of 1000 feet buffer around priority resources not in priority areas to enable work to be accomplished that supports the priority resources
 - name change - high priority, priority, opportunity
 - total acres 42% high priority, 26% priority, 32% opportunity
 - discussion on the difference between high priority and priority, several partners explained their approach is to focus on the high priority areas first and if as a result of outreach and project development, landowner willingness to take on projects is exhausted then move onto areas of priority.
 - Request on the map legend to have high priority at the top, followed by priority and then opportunity
 - Brad asked about the reason behind having a priority area buffer around lakes, Alicia and Dan explained the reasoning.
 - TAC consensus to send to PC for approval

BMP Implementation Tables - Activity (55 minutes)

- Development recap - established table of BMPs and levels based on previous 10 year, adjusted efforts based on modeling, then on professional judgment
- Final BMP implementation table will include category detail summary line and not individual implementation actions
- additional changes that will occur
 - combining pollutant reductions
- BMP implementation tables - implementation actions by category
 - BMPs were organized by themes and then measurable unit
- BMP cost assumptions were reviewed and updated
- Recommendation to use graphics/symbols for the priority issues and timeline
- Discussion on the modeling done to estimate pollutant reductions
- Recommendation to round off numbers for practice goals

Support Programs Implementation Tables (40 minutes)

- This section was skipped over as discussion flowed from BMP Imp. Tables into measurable goals
- Partners were asked to send their comments to ISG

Measurable Goals (55 minutes)

- Surface Water measurable goal 4 - recommendation to keep goal and recalculate the totals based on using HSPF SAM tableau tool. Measurable goals for streams need to be at the HUC10 (approx. MZs), shouldn't be cumulative of all MZs at Mississippi River
- Surface Water measurable goal 5 - recommend including the table for each priority
- continued to review measurable goals and comments were recorded in google slides by ISG
- Habitat goals - Gerry is disappointed that we weren't able to use the IBI scores and similar work
- Consensus on measurable goals to draft for PC review

Meeting Wrap-up/Subcommittee Assignments (10 minutes)

- Partners should send any additional comments to ISG

Adjourn

Cibulka adjourned the meeting at 4:12 PM.

