

Snake River Watershed – Steering Committee

Meeting Agenda

Aug. 6, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm



Invitees: local SWCD & county staff, BWSR staff

Location: In-person meeting at Kanabec SWCD office: 2008 Mahogany St Ste 3 Mora MN 55051

With a Remote Google Meeting option – login details

Purpose: NEW: Steering member check-in on activities. Steering agreement/by-laws – discuss now or wait. Two proposed projects updates. Outreach – discuss Steering approval process as needed. Discuss cover crop – prevent plant, if allowed.

Remote Google Meet login:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zrv-kpij-ivi>

Or dial: (US) +1 256-667-1435 PIN: 960 729 969#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/zrv-kpij-ivi?pin=2652969773953>

Regular scheduled meetings:

Steering – starting 8/6, 1st Monday, 130 – 330 pm

TAC, as needed 1-2 times/yr. (2nd Thurs. 1:30-4:30 pm)

In 2024 – planning one for late summer / early fall

Partnership Board – 4th Monday, 9:30 am if no SRWMB meeting, (10:30 am, if held after the SRWMB meeting)

Intro. Fun: If you had to give your car a name, what would it be?

Agenda Topics:

1. Approve Agenda, Other Items...

2. Any Project Proposals
 - a) Kanabec SWCD – project for pipeline/watering facility as part of a rotational grazing operation in the Lower Groundhouse River, requesting \$5,342 (revised)
 - b) Pine SWCD – Wetland Restoration Proposal near Cross Lake, partnering with WSFWS. Requesting \$7,200
 - c) Pine SWCD – buckthorn removal project now with replanting included, 28 acres in the Lower Snake River sub-watershed
*Proposed Forestry Practices using WBIF funds - updates

3. Steering Members check-in:

(This is your opportunity to provide an update on any Snake WBIF project and outreach activities, including projects in development. Are things on schedule? What do you need to proceed?)

4. **Steering Committee – DRAFT Operating Agreements**, attached (**now or wait**)
5. Prevent plan cover crops – should we fund this? (Rum has not)
6. Outreach Events – How to review with the Steering Committee, with proposed outreach expenses
7. Budget review, see the included end of Qtr. 2 budget
(brainstorm ideas to increase project spending, limiting factors to progress)
 - Staff capacity
 - More targeted outreach
 - Engineering with the private sector as needed
 - Lake treatment year 2 or 3
8. Other Updates:
 - a) Other Proposed Updates
 - b) Check out our shared drive: the outreach file now contains many example flyers, outreach materials for us to modify and use (thanks to the Rum watershed)
 - c) Request to have a TAC meeting late summer/early fall
 MPCA has news – development of TMDLs
9. Agenda for the next Partnership Meetings – 9/23/24 10:30 am
Agenda items:
Consent agenda – how did we like this from the 7/22 P'ship meeting?
 - a. Approve Agenda, Consent Agenda (w/logo), progress update & Meeting Outcomes
 - b. Financial Update
 - c. Policy Proposals, forestry practices as ready
 - d. Project Proposals
 - e. Contract for Services
 - Statements of Work, as needed
 - Others
 - f. Others...
10. Next proposed Steering Meeting 9/2/24 (first Mon. of the month),
 1:30 – 3:30 pm – agenda ideas:
 Discuss when meeting warranted – every month or only when projects/agenda items
 Future agenda items:
 - Reporting collaboration – spreadsheet for now or spatial option later
 - Sub-watershed assessment learning from others (Chisago)
11. Meeting Evaluation

What worked? What didn't? Suggestions for change?

Access to our Google Drive for sharing Snake Implementation details:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/OAH_uSPLSkOSqUk9PVA

Next Steering Meetings, proposed agenda items, list to tackle:

- ✓ Orientation of new members
- ✓ Project Tracking / Reporting (excel spreadsheet)
- ✓ Others...

Partnership Board Discussion List for review over time:

- ✓ MCIT presentation, risk of new entity operations (Jan. 2025)
- ✓ Project Proposals - Contract for Services
 - Forestry practices - policy
- ✓ Etc.