

Snake River Watershed – Steering Committee

Meeting Agenda

Sept. 3, 2024, 2:00pm-4:00 pm



Invitees:

Local SWCD & county staff, BWSR staff

Location:

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

Video call link: <http://meet.google.com/bam-qgik-hjw>

Or dial: (US) +1 502-667-4238 PIN: 479 537 515#

More phone numbers: <https://meet.google.com/tel/bam-qgik-hjw?pin=2761399208395&hs=1>

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.

Regular scheduled meetings:

Steering – starting 9/3, 1st Monday, 2:00-4:00 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)

AGENDA TOPICS:

1. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval
 - Minutes 8.6.2024 (attached)
2. Approve Agenda, Other Items...
3. Any Project Proposals
 - a. Kanabec SWCD – Manure Pit Closure South Fork Groundhouse River
4. 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?)

5. Steering Committee – DRAFT Operating Agreements, (now or wait)
 - a. Review Draft operating Agreements (Attached)

6. Prevent plan cover crops – should we fund this?
 - Proposed policy change to allow funding of cover crop plantings in Prevent Plant condition acreage.

7. Outreach Events – How to review with the Steering Committee, with proposed outreach expenses
 - BWSR advised to consult with the grant specialists first to confirm proposed scenarios, possibly using RSVP to cut back on food costs.
 - Was this assigned to someone?

8. Budget review
 - Staff capacity
 - More targeted outreach
 - Engineering with the private sector as needed
 - Lake treatment year 2 or 3

9. 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

10. 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 Partnership 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...

11. Next proposed Steering Meeting 9/2/24 (first Mon. of the month),
2–4 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)

12. 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.

Current Projects

Kanabec SWCD

1. Project for pipeline/watering facility as part of a rotational grazing operation in the Lower Groundhouse River, requesting \$5,342 (revised)

Pine SWCD

1. Wetland Restoration Proposal near Cross Lake, partnering with WSFWS. Requesting \$7,200
2. buckthorn removal project now with replanting included, 28 acres in the Lower Snake River sub-watershed
 - *Proposed Forestry Practices using WBIF funds - updates
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