



Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Proceedings of the Mississippi River St. Cloud 1 W1P Policy Committee Meeting held on July 8, 2024. Chair, Tarryl Clark called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

Date / Time:	<i>July 8, 2024 11:00am - 1:00pm</i>
Location:	<i>In-Person: Palmer Township Hall 4180 105th Ave Clear Lake, MN 55319 Remote option available, use MS Teams Calendar Invite link</i>
Note Taker:	<i>Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Stearns SWCD</i>
1w1p Website:	<i>https://www.millelacsswcd.org/1w1p/mississippi-river-st-cloud-watershed-plan/</i>
Voting Members Present:	Benton County– Scott Johnson, Benton SWCD Wade Bastian, Sherburne SWCD– Shelly Binsfeld, Stearns County Tarryl Clark, Stearns SWCD– Tom Gregory, Mille Lacs SWCD Dan Campbell, Meeker SWCD – Bob Schiefelbein, Wright County Tina Diedrick, Sherburne County Andrew Hulse*
Non-voting Members Present:	
Alternate Voting Members Present:	
Alternative Nonvoting members present:	Stearns County- Leigh Lenzmeier
Voting Members Absent:	Wright SWCD- Chris Uecker, Meeker SWCD John Haffley, Meeker County– Danny Schiefelbein
Partners and Staff Present:	Griffin** Stephanie Hatzenbihler – Stearns SWCD staff, Gerry Maciej Benton SWCD staff, Dan Cibulka Sherburne SWCD staff, Becky Schlorf Stearns County, Kyle Blazek Stearns County, Sarah Bosel SG, Zach Guttormson- BWSR staff, *Francine Larson– Sherburne SWCD staff, *Matt Danzl - Sherburne County Staff, *Miranda Wagner Sherburne SWCD staff, *Jon Rosechlein Sauk River Watershed District staff, *Alicia O’Hare– Wright SWCD staff

*Individuals joined via Zoom virtually.

Welcome and Introductions.

1. Name, LGU Attendance was taken by Hatzenbihler.

Review and Approve Agenda.

1. Approve Meeting agenda **Motion by Johnson to approve meeting agenda, second by Gregory.** Affirmative: Johnson, Bastian, Binsfeld, Clark, Gregory, Campbell, B. Schiefelbein, Hulse. Opposed: None **Motion carried.**

Review and approve 0404-2024 meeting minutes.

1. Approve meeting minutes **Motion by Johnson to approve meeting minutes as presented second by Campbell** Affirmative: Johnson, Bastian, Binsfeld, Clark, Gregory, Campbell, B. Schiefelbein, Hulse. Opposed: None **Motion carried.**

Project Update (Cibulka)

1. Timeline and Activities

- Cibulka provided an overview of work completed recently to prepare a draft plan including the internal review and addressing comments. Cibulka also shared that a subcommittee has been meeting to explore implementation structures and options.
- Cibulka presented an updated timeline that showed the 60-day public comment period, reviewing and responding to comments received, preparations for a November partner Board meetings and a December Policy Committee meeting. The plan is anticipated to be submitted to BWSR for a 90-day review period in December 2024, then receiving BWSR approval in March 2025, and local adoption in April 2025. Following BWSR approval and local adoption then Plan Implementation can begin utilizing watershed based implementation funding.

Tina Diedrick, Wright County, joined the meeting at 11:11am.

2. Financial Report
 - Cibulka and Maciej provided a brief overview of the financial report.
3. TAC Liaison Report. - No report.

Approve draft plan for 60day public comment (Boser & Cibulka)

- Boser provided an update on the boundaries for the Multiple Benefit Analysis, minor changes to the implementation tables that were included in the updated draft plan link.
- Boser and Cibulka invited questions or comments from the Policy Committee.

Motion by Johnson to approve the draft Mississippi River St Cloud Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for submittal for state agency review and begin the 60 day public review and comment period second by Binsfeld Affirmative: Johnson, Bastian, Binsfeld, Clark, Gregory, Campbell, B. Schiefelbein, Hulse, Diedrick. Opposed: None. **Motion carried.**

Clark adjourned the meeting at 11:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Stearns County SWCD, Water Plan Coordinator on behalf of Tina Diedrick, Wright County, County Commissioner.