

Watonwan Watershed 2W2P – Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Watonwan County Human Services – Meeting Room, St. James, MN

Present:

Rich Enger
Ray Gustafson
Clem Windschitl
Steve Flohrs

Representing:

Watonwan SWCD Supervisor
Watonwan Co. Commissioner
Brown SWCD Supervisor
Martin Co. Commissioner

Present:

Tom Appel
Tony Berg
Jim Eigenberg
Will Purvis

Representing:

Cottonwood Co. Commissioner
Brown Co. Commissioner
Jackson Co. Commissioner
Blue Earth Co. Commissioner

Heidi Salminen
Andy Geiger
Andy Meyer
Jill Sackett Eberhart
Shaina Keseley

Watonwan SWCD
Jackson County
Brown County
BWSR
BWSR

Kay Gross
Julie Conrad
Dave Bucklin
Josh Votruba
Lee Tapper

Cottonwood County
Blue Earth County
Cottonwood SWCD
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Cottonwood SWCD

Call to Order: Watonwan Watershed 2W2P Policy Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Enger at 1:10 pm.

Roll Call

Agenda – Presented

Motion by Will Purvis, second by Clem Windschitl to approve the agenda adding discussion on elections. Motion carried, all yes.

Minutes - Presented

Motion by Steve Flohrs, second by Tom Appel to approve the December 18 Policy Committee Meeting minutes. Motion carried, all yes.

Election of Officers

Motion Jim Eigenberg, second by Tony Berg to cast a unanimous ballot of officers (as previously established) as Chairman Rich Enger, Vice Chairman Tom Appel and Secretary Clark Lingbeek. Motion carried, all yes.

2020 updates for Policy Committee representatives and alternates for Counties. Brown and Cottonwood Counties have made alternate changes.

Bills to Pay and Financial Statement – Heidi Salminen

No bills to pay this month. Reviewed Financial Statement

Work with BWSR staff to complete the reconciliation and then Watonwan 1W1P will be extended the next 40%

Updated Calendar

Reviewed. Potential for the Policy Board Meeting to extend their hours on the February 19th meeting to incorporate the facilitation of the MCIT presentation questions. Potentially starting at 11:00 a.m. and working through lunch (with lunch brought in).

Motion by Steve Flohrs, second by Ray Gustafson to hold an extended Policy Committee Meeting on Wednesday, February 19th starting at 11:00 a.m. and continuing into the afternoon. Motion carried, all yes.

Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Public Plan Review Meeting Requirements

Rough Draft of Plan (Now)

NEXT STEPS (In the Operating Procedures 2.00)

1. Ready to be submitted for 60 Review – State Agencies, Cities, Counties, SWCDs.
2. Address Comments by Agencies, Cities, Counties and SWCDs.
3. Notice of Public Hearings – 6 partners will put a notice out for a Public Hearing; Official Notice – Public Comment
4. Address Comments made by public.
5. Policy Committee or Each Entity must approve the document moving forward.
6. 90 Comment Period – BWSR and other State Agencies and Environmental Quality Board – Southern BWSR Regional Meeting and then moved to BWSR Board for Approval.
7. 120 days after BWSR to approve the Plan by Entity or Other Partner.

Explanation of options for step 4 by Jill Sackett Eberhart – Whole Board can Review or Individual Boards can designate their local representative (from Policy Committee) to approve and move forward.

Implementation Agreement Presentation – Shaina Keseley
Reviewed.

Adjourn

Motion by Tom Appel, second by Tony Berg to adjourn Policy Committee Meeting at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried, all yes.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 19, 2020 2:30 p.m. location to be determined.

Policy Committee Secretary

Steering Committee Member – Minute Recorder