

Watonwan Watershed 2W2P – Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Watonwan County Human Services Building, St. James, MN

Present:

Rich Enger
Norm Holmen
Clem Windschitl
Jim Eigenberg
John Rollings

Representing:

Watonwan SWCD Supervisor
Cottonwood County Commissioner
Brown SWCD Supervisor
Jackson County Commissioner
Blue Earth SWCD Supervisor

Present:

Steve Flohrs
Tony Berg
Will Purvis
Tyler Ask
Larry Hansen

Representing:

Martin County Commissioner
Brown County Commissioner
Blue Earth County Commissioner
Martin SWCD Supervisor
Jackson SWCD Supervisor

Heidi Rudolph
Dave Bucklin
Andy Meyer
Andy Geiger
Hannah Neusch
Scott Salisbury
Josh Votruba

Watonwan SWCD
Cottonwood SWCD
Brown County
Jackson County
Martin SWCD
Blue Earth County
Watonwan Watershed Technician

Kay Gross
Melanie Krueger
Chris Bauer
Ashley Brenke
Julie Conrad
Charlie Sawdey

Cottonwood County
Brown SWCD
Jackson SWCD
Martin SWCD
Blue Earth County
Houston Engineering Inc.

Call to Order: Watonwan Watershed 2W2P Policy Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Enger at 1:07 pm.

Roll Call Introductions

Agenda

Motion by Clem Windschitl, second by Tyler Ask to approve agenda with the additions of Financial Statement for Consultant, Credit Card Expenses and Request for Grant Extension. Motion carried, all yes.

Minutes

Motion by Norm Holmen, second by Will Purvis to approve the November 14, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Policy Committee Primary and Alternates – Kay Gross

Reviewed and updated.

Bills to Pay, Financial Statement for Consultant and Credit Card Expenses – Heidi Rudolph

Motion by Tony Berg, second by Steve Flohrs to approve the bills to pay totaling \$6,627.75. Motion carried, all yes.

Cost for Open House \$1,898.50 plus tax and incidentals was reviewed by the Board. Advertising and public notice costs will be incurred and turned in.

Motion to Jim Eigenberg, second by Larry Hansen to allow staff to incur credit card expenses up to \$550 per month and authorize the Watonwan County Commissioners to pay the monthly bill, which will be reviewed at the next scheduled Policy Committee meeting. Motion carried, all yes.

Open House (Kick Off Meeting) – Heidi

Monday, January 28, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion, St. James, MN. State agencies will be represented and have tables with displays. Houston Engineering will be giving a presentation (twice) and Keynote Speaker Billy Hildebrand will be speaking once.

Extension Request for the One Watershed One Plan Agreement

Suggestion for a twelve month extension from staff. Budget with HEI won't change but could if we need too.

Motion by Clem Windschitl, second by Larry Hansen to approve the request for a Grant Agreement Extension to BWSR by adding twelve months, with a new end date of December 31, 2020, and request the Watonwan County Commissioners to approve and submit the extension request and complete a contract adjustment with Houston Engineering Inc. Motion carried, all yes.

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Advisory Committee List – Josh Votruba

Motion by Steve Flohrs, second by Will Purvis to approve the Steering Committee and State Agency representatives on the Advisory Committee with the listing (as distributed) vetted to bring the membership down to a reasonable cross section of participants and resubmit to the Policy Committee for approval in February. Motion carried, all yes.

HEI – Agenda Items – Charlie Swadey

Final Plan Outline – Reviewed

Motion by Clem Windschitl, second by Jim Eigenberg to approve the Plan Outline with the Introduction moved after the Executive Summary. Motion carried, all yes.

This outline does meet the BWSR guidelines, but we can add to this outline in the future if we desire.

Participation Plan – Reviewed

Motion by Will Purvis, second by Tyler Ask to approve the Participation Plan as presented by Houston Engineering Inc with the ability to adjust the Policy and Advisory Committee listings. Motion carried, all yes.

Steering Committee has made recommendations and Policy and Advisory Committee lists will be amended as changes are made.

Issues Table – Reviewed

This listing will be used at the Public Kick Off Meeting; discussion today at the Steering Committee meeting decision to hold a separate meeting (Wednesday, January 23) to provide comments to HEI.

Motion by Tony Berg, second by Norm Holmen to approve the Issues Table listing with pending edits by the Steering Committee to be used at the Public Kick Off Meeting on January 28. Motion carried, all yes.

Motion by John Rollings, second by Steve Flohrs to use Resources Maps as directed by the Steering Committee with inclusion to the Issues Table at the Public Kick Off Meeting. Motion carried, all yes.

Comments on Maps and Issues Table by Policy Committee to HEI (Charlie) by Friday, January 18.

Adjourn

Motion by Will Purvis, second by Jim Eigenberg to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 p.m. Motion carried, all yes.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 20, 2019 1:00 p.m. at the Watonwan County Human Services Building, St. James.