

Planning Work Group for Root River One Watershed One Plan

Date: February 15th, 2022

Time: 11:00am

Location: Room 108, Fillmore County Office Building, 902 Houston Street NW, Preston, MN

Notes

Attendees: Adam Beilke, BWSR; Jennifer Ronnenberg, MDH; Emily Zanon, MPCA; Anne Koliha, Fillmore SWCD; Beau Kennedy, Goodhue SWCD; Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD; Jensen Bigelow, Mower SWCD; Skip Langer, Olmsted SWCD; Caitlin Brady, Olmsted SWCD; Dave Walter, Root River SWCD; Dan Wermager, Root River SWCD; Sheila Harmes, Winona County; Wanda Anderson, Winona County SWCD; Amanda Gentry, Winona County SWCD

Meeting Start @ 11:06 am

- GreenCorps Update – Mower SWCD:
 - Draft Annual Report:
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fc2MQ9RjSW3lrEpai8QjN-9gw4FD2Ve_/view?usp=sharing
 - Do we want a dollar amount spreadsheet in the annual report? Simple spreadsheet to show public how much money is being spent on the ground, practices, etc.
 - At 10/18/2021 Advisory Committee meeting, AC gave go-ahead on trialing sponsored Facebook posts; any update?
 - Yes; Tim has metrics; Justin will email out.
- Follow-up from December 20, 2021 Policy Committee Meeting – Fillmore SWCD:
 - Discussion on quorum; would require a change in the bylaws. Zumbro and Cedar count their 'minimal watershed members' as not counting towards the quorum, more at large members.
 - NOTE: Post-meeting, after reviewing the by-laws, RR 1W1P PC quorum is already set at 50% + 1 (of the 13 members).
- Review FY18-19 WBIF Financials – Wanda Anderson:
 - Discussed financials.
- Review FY20-21 WBIF Financials – Wanda Anderson:
 - Discussed financials.
 - Discussed amending by-laws so that grant amendments are not so excessive; instead of referring to 'Exhibit A', reference a 'working document'. Reference Zumbro's sub-agreement. Use Zumbro's sub agreement to make a new one for us; new sub agreement does not need to go to PC, but does need to go to each individual SWCD board. For a check and balance, 1 person works on ELink invoices, and a different person works on QuickBooks; mistakes are easier to spot.
- Budget Discussion of TSA7's Role with 1W1P – Beau Kennedy:
 - TSA needs more work, but then needs more funding. Also making invoicing easier.
 - ~\$15,500 annually from RR 1W1P written into the workplan, 'working document'. Streamlining the process.

- Discuss FY22-23 WBIF Budget, Workplan and Grant Strategies:
 - Keep Dan; fund 50% of his position through 1W1P.
 - Update By-Laws and Sub-Agreements, reference a 'working document' rather than 'Exhibit A' to remove the need to complete unnecessary amendments.
 - 2022-2023 Workplan priority areas and priority project discussed; funding earmarked to entities and projects. Draft workplan will go to PWG and AC for comment before being brought to PC on 03/21/2022.

- Next meetings:
 - Advisory Committee Meeting:
 - Draft workplan will be emailed to the Advisory Committee for comments, suggestions, etc.
 - Policy Committee Meeting:
 - March 21, 2022 @ 9am
 - Planning Work Group Meeting:
 - Zoom meeting before PC meeting; date TBD.

- Other:
 - Specific things the group would like to see on the hydroconditioning map from St. Mary's? Keep WHAF map and WRAPS Cycle 2 map in mind; don't need to re-create the wheel.
 - Resurrect Water Resources Board without commissioners, but with emphasis on SWCD Supervisors?
 - Hire specific regional staff for 1W1P planning, reporting, etc. Monthly check-ins, etc.? North Fork Crow contracts with an engineering/consulting firm. Emily Zanon will send a list of contractors.
 - Does anyone else want to take on the role of fiscal agent?

- Adjourn @ 3:00 pm