

Meeting of the Policy Committee for Root River One Watershed, One Plan

November 23rd, 2020 – 9:00am-12:00pm

Room 108, Fillmore County Office Building, 902 Houston Street NW, Preston, MN / Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Rodney Peterson, Dodge County Commissioner; Glenn Hahn, Dodge SWCD Supervisor; Duane Bakke, Fillmore County Commissioner; Eric Johnson, Houston County Commissioner; Jim Kellogg, Mower SWCD Supervisor; Glenn Kruse, Root River SWCD Supervisor; Steve Connelly, Olmsted SWCD Supervisor; Marcia Ward, Winona County Commissioner; Gerry Mueller, Winona SWCD Supervisor; Paul Fruechte, Crooked Creek Watershed District

Members Absent: Timothy Gossman, Fillmore SWCD Supervisor; Matt Flynn, Olmsted County Commissioner

Others Present: Adam Beilke, BWSR; Shaina Keseley, BWSR; Adam King, Dodge SWCD; Laura Christensen, Fillmore SWCD; Nikki Wheeler, Fillmore SWCD; Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD; Skip Langer, Olmsted SWCD; Dave Walter, Root River SWCD; Dan Wermager, Root River SWCD; Sheila Harmes, Winona County; Daryl Buck, Winona SWCD

1. Open meeting @ 09:03am.

- a. Meeting opened by Duane.

2. Approval of agenda:

- a. Without additions; moved by Ward, seconded by Mueller; carried unanimously.
 - i. Yays: 9; Connelly, Fruechte, Hahn, Johnson, Kellogg, Kruse, Mueller, Peterson, Ward.
 - ii. Nays: 0.

➤ Meeting taken over by Marcia, due to technical difficulties on Duane's end – 09:07am.

3. Approval of August 24th, 2020 Policy Committee meeting minutes:

- a. Without changes; moved by Ward, seconded by Mueller; carried unanimously.
 - i. Yays: 9; Connelly, Fruechte, Hahn, Johnson, Kellogg, Kruse, Mueller, Peterson, Ward.
 - ii. Nays: 0.

4. Old Business:

- a. Project Updates:
 - i. Olmsted SWCD – Chatfield DWSMA:
 - 1. Photos shown and updates of project given by Skip Langer, Olmsted SWCD.
 - a. Working with Forever Green and U of MN with Kernza plots in relation to groundwater nitrates.
 - i. Finding uses for Kernza; granola, cereal, malted beverages.
- ii. Fillmore SWCD:
 - 1. Updates given by Laura Christensen, Fillmore SWCD.
 - a. Updates of Nutrient Management Specialist and Soil Health Specialist staff were given, as well as updates of work completed by temporary engineering staff.

➤ Duane re-entered the meeting at 09:24am.

➤ Meeting taken over by Marcia, due to technical difficulties on Duane's end – 09:35am.

➤ Duane re-entered at 09:42am.

- b. Approve Amendment to Bylaws of the Root River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P):
 - i. FIRST, with additions; moved by Johnson, seconded by Kellogg; carried unanimously.
 - 1. Yays: 9; Connelly, Fruechte, Hahn, Johnson, Kellogg, Kruse, Mueller, Peterson, Ward.
 - 2. Nays: 0.
 - 3. Article IX: Miscellaneous, Section 6.c., change 'all claims', to 'all bills &/or claims.'
 - ii. Approval of amendments to Bylaws of the Root River 1W1P:
 - 1. Moved by Kellogg, seconded by Ward; carried unanimously.
 - a. Yays: 9; Connelly, Fruechte, Hahn, Johnson, Kellogg, Kruse, Mueller, Peterson, Ward.
 - b. Nays: 0.

5. New Business:

- a. Approve Financials for Root River 1W1P 2018-19 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
 - i. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Hahn; carried unanimously.
 1. Yays: 9; Connelly, Fruechte, Hahn, Johnson, Kellogg, Kruse, Mueller, Peterson, Ward.
 2. Nays: 0.
- b. Acknowledge Budget and Cost-Share Requests for Root River 1W1P 2018-19 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
 - i. Updates given by Daryl Buck, Winona County SWCD.
- c. Approve Financials for Root River 1W1P 2020-21 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
 - i. Moved by Mueller, seconded by Kellogg; carried unanimously.
 1. Yays: 9; Connelly, Fruechte, Hahn, Johnson, Kellogg, Kruse, Mueller, Peterson, Ward.
 2. Nays: 0.
- d. Acknowledge Budget and Cost-Share Requests for Root River 1W1P 2020-21 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
 - i. Updates given by Daryl Buck, Winona County SWCD.
- e. Approve 18-19 Watershed Based Funding Grant Workplan Revision:
 - i. Moved by Kellogg, seconded by Johnson; carried unanimously.
 1. Yays: 9; Connelly, Fruechte, Hahn, Johnson, Kellogg, Kruse, Mueller, Peterson, Ward.
 2. Nays: 0.

6. Next Meeting:

- a. Review plans for upcoming meetings.
 - i. Date and potential topics discussed for next Policy Committee meeting.
- b. Set next date for Policy Committee meeting:
 - i. February 22nd, 2021, at 9:00am.
- c. Agenda items:
 - i. No specific items discussed.

➤ **Meeting taken over by Marcia, due to technical difficulties on Duane's end – 10:15am.**

➤ **Duane re-entered meeting at 10:17am.**

7. Adjourn @ 10:18am.

- a. Moved by Kellogg, seconded by Hahn; carried unanimously.

Encls: August 24, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Root River One Watershed One Plan Bylaw Amendments
Financials – Root River 1W1P 2018-19 Grant
Budget – Root River 1W1P 2018-19 Grant
Financials – Root River 1W1P 2020-21 Grant
Budget – Root River 1W1P 2020-21 Grant
18-19 Watershed Based Funding Grant Workplan Revision