

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

Monday, June 21, 2021, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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

## DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

**Members Present:** Paul Fruechte, Crooked Creek Watershed District (Zoom); Rodney Peterson, Dodge County Commissioner (Zoom); Tim Gossman, Fillmore SWCD Supervisor (Zoom); Eric Johnson, Houston County Commissioner (Zoom); Glenn Kruse, Root River SWCD Supervisor; Jim Kellogg, Mower SWCD Supervisor; Matt Flynn, Olmsted County Commissioner; Marcia Ward, Winona County Commissioner (Zoom); Jerry Mueller, Winona SWCD Supervisor

**Members Absent:** Glenn Hahn, Dodge SWCD Supervisor; Duane Bakke, Fillmore County Commissioner; Jeff Baldus, Mower County Commissioner; Steve Connelly, Olmsted SWCD Supervisor

**Others Present:** Adam Beilke, BWSR (Zoom); Shaina Keseley, BWSR (Zoom); Laura Christensen, Fillmore SWCD; Dan Wermager, Root River SWCD; Justin Hanson, Mower SWCD; Paul Hunter, Mower SWCD, Skip Langer, Olmsted SWCD; Caitlin Brady, Olmsted SWCD; Sheila Harmes, Winona County; Daryl Buck, Winona SWCD; Andy Kronebusch, Winona SWCD; Wanda Anderson, Winona SWCD

### 1) Open meeting at 8:05 am.

- a) Meeting opened by Mueller.

### 2) Approval of agenda:

- a) Without additions; moved by Kruse, seconded by Kellogg; carried unanimously.
  - i) Yays: Fruechte, Peterson, Gossman, Johnson, Kruse, Kellogg, Flynn, Ward, Mueller.
  - ii) Nays: None.

### 3) Approval of February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Policy Committee meeting minutes:

- a) With / Without changes; moved by Kellogg, seconded by Ward; carried unanimously.
  - i) Yays: Fruechte, Peterson, Gossman, Johnson, Kruse, Kellogg, Flynn, Ward, Mueller.
  - ii) Nays: None.

### 4) Old Business:

- a) Project updates: Status' of projects funded through Fillmore SWCD's allocation of FY18-19 Watershed Based Implementation funding provided by Laura Christensen, Fillmore SWCD.

### 5) New Business:

- a) Report from Policy Committee members re: feedback from their respective Boards:
  - i) Dodge County:
    - (1) Peterson initiated discussion on American Rescue Plan funds.
  - ii) Houston County:
    - (1) Johnson provided input on American Rescue Plan funds.
  - iii) Mower SWCD:
    - (1) Kellogg provided update that projects are being completed at the headwaters of the Root River watershed and landowners are cooperating with Mower SWCD.

- b) Consider revision to the Root River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Implementation Policy:
  - i) Moved by Ward, seconded by Kellogg; carried unanimously.
    - (1) Yays: Fruechte, Peterson, Gossman, Johnson, Kruse, Kellogg, Flynn, Ward, Mueller.
    - (2) Nays: None.
- c) Acknowledge Financials for Root River 1W1P 2018-19 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
  - i) Updates given by Daryl Buck, Winona SWCD.
- d) Acknowledge Budget and Cost-Share Requests for Root River 1W1P 2018-19 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
  - i) Updates given by Daryl Buck, Winona SWCD.
- e) Consider Exhibit A - Amendment 8 for the Root River 1W1P 2018-19 Sub-Agreement:
  - i) Moved by Peterson, seconded by Kellogg; carried unanimously.
    - (1) Yays: Fruechte, Peterson, Gossman, Johnson, Kruse, Kellogg, Flynn, Ward, Mueller.
    - (2) Nays: None.
- f) Acknowledge Financials for Root River 1W1P 2020-21 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
  - i) Updates given by Daryl Buck, Winona SWCD.
- g) Acknowledge Budget and Cost-Share Requests for Root River 1W1P 2020-21 Watershed Based Funding Grant:
  - i) Updates given by Daryl Buck, Winona SWCD.

**6) Next meeting:**

- a) Review plans for upcoming meetings:
- b) Set next date for Policy Committee meeting:
  - i) September 20, 2021
- c) Agenda items: Photos of projects, review watershed plan (5 years)

**7) Meeting adjourned 10:02 am.**

- a) Moved by Ward, seconded by Johnson; carried unanimously.