

Meeting of the Policy Committee for Root River One Watershed, One Plan
January 9, 2020, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Room 108, Fillmore County Office Building, 902 Houston Street NW, Preston, MN
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Duane Bakke, Eric Johnson, Glen Kruse, Glenn Hahn, Jerry Mueller, Jim Kellogg, Marcia Ward, Matt Flynn, Paul Fruechte, Rodney Peterson.

Members Absent: Brian Hazel, Steve Conelly, Tim Gabrielson.

Others Present: Adam Beilke, Dan Wermager, Daryl Buck, Dave Walter, Justin Hanson, Laura Christensen, Skip Langer, Nikki Shaw.

1. Open meeting @ 9:09 am

2. Approve Agenda with additions: Moved by Hahn, seconded by Kellogg.

3. Election of officers

Nomination for Chair by Ward for Bakke, seconded by Johnson.

Ward moved nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nomination for Vice Chair by Johnson for Mueller, seconded by Kellogg.

Peterson moved nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Hahn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Nomination for Secretary by Mueller for Ward, seconded by Hahn.

Kellogg moved nomination cease and cast a unanimous ballot, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve minutes of the February 28th, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting: moved by Ward, seconded by Johnson.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Old Business

a. Updates

i. Project Updates

- Justin Hanson with Mower SWCD: Mower Headwaters Update; many projects going, going well; enjoying ease of complimentary funding sources to get conservation projects and practices on the ground.
- Skip Langer with Olmsted SWCD gave general updates.
- Dave Walter with Root River SWCD gave general updates.
- Daryl Buck with Winona SWCD gave general updates.
- Laura Christensen with Fillmore SWCD gave general updates.
- No MPCA staff present to give updates.

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ii. Watershed Conservation Planning Initiative Update

- Update given by Dan Wermager with Root River SWCD.

iii. Root River RCPP Update

- Adam Beilke with BWSR:
 - In April of 2019 this area received its first round of RCPP funding; in the Root River that worked to complete 12 projects – 9 in Fillmore County, 2 in Winona County, and 1 in Houston County.
 - The intention of the funding is to match the state 1W1P dollars used on a project.
 - April of 2020 is the second sign-up timeline; Root River was allocated \$500,000, and there is potential for more to be available if other watersheds do not use all of their allocated RCPP funding.
- ➔ Discussion within the old business topic, the Policy Committee discussed wanting more updates on projects and funding as funding gets moved from one entity to another to complete projects.
- ➔ Quarterly PC meetings also discussed; BWSR stated there is no requirement from the state to have quarterly meetings, and that a meeting schedule is entirely based upon the PC's wants & needs.
- Laura Christensen will send meeting notes from other 1W1P meetings to the PC board, plus other project and funding shifts and proposed amendments. Each individual SWCD board will continue to make the decisions that affect their respective areas.

6. New Business

a. Consider reappointment of 1W1P RRW Fiscal Agent, Winona SWCD

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Mueller.

Carried unanimously.

b. Consider reappointment of 1W1P RRW Day-to-Day Contact, Fillmore SWCD

Moved by Ward, seconded by Johnson.

Carried unanimously.

c. Review Bylaws of the RR 1W1P

- Bylaws reviewed, the need for quarterly meetings again discussed.

d. Review FY18-19 Watershed-Based Imp. Funding Fin. Report and Budget

Moved by Hahn, seconded by Johnson.

Carried unanimously.

e. Policy committee members report

- No reports.

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f. Partner Project updates

i. Online partner project survey/eLink report

- Adam Beilke (BWSR) showed eLink map of completed projects within the watershed by year.

g. Review RR 1W1P Policy Committee distribution list

- No changes made.

h. Watershed-Based Imp. Fund. FY20-21 review

- In review:
 - Pilot grant funding totaled ~\$850,000.
 - Second round of 1W1P funding is determined by the following:
 - \$350,000 baseline, plus the amount of private land within the watershed, plus the amount of shoreline within the watershed.
 - RR 1W1P will receive \$1,469,595 in the upcoming round of funding.

i. Consider Watershed-Based Funding FY20-21 workplan

Moved by Peterson, seconded by Johnson.

Carried unanimously.

7. Next meeting

a. Review plans for upcoming meetings

- More visuals on projects would be appreciated by PC board.

b. Set next date for Policy committee Meeting

- Next meeting: February 24th at 9am.
- Following meeting: June 22nd at 9am.

c. Agenda Items:

8. Adjourn

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Bakke @ 11:50 am.