

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE PINE RIVER ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN

A regular meeting of the Policy Committee (PC) was held at the Cass County Land Department meeting room in Backus, MN and called to order by Chair Jeff Peterson at 10:00 a.m. on March 26, 2018. All members were present: Paul Thiede, Commissioner, Crow Wing County; Joann Weaver, Supervisor, Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD); Jeff Peterson, Commissioner, Cass County; and Jim Ballenthin, Cass Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Other attendees and staff support personnel: Kelly Condiff, Cass ESD/SWCD; Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing SWCD; Ryan Simonson, Crow Wing Land Services; Jeff Hrubes, Chris Pence, Mitch Brinks, and Dan Steward, Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR); Paul Radomski, Department of Natural Resources (DNR); Moriya Rufer, RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc.; Tad Erickson, Region Five Development Commission.

MSP Approved proposed Agenda, copy attached

MSP Approved Minutes of meeting of February 22, 2018

Dan Steward and Mitch Brinks provided background information and data availability regarding the Pine River Watershed Landscape Stewardship Plan and how that plan can aid in targeting and prioritizing conservation actions that might be considered as the Pine River 1W1P is developed.

Paul Radomski provided background information on phosphorus sensitivity of lakes and waters in the Pine River Watershed, how that information might aid in identifying high value lakes and assessing benefit/cost ratio for conservation actions intended to reduce phosphorus in these lakes. Phosphorus is a primary contributor to loss of clarity in lakes.

MSP Approved a professional service contract between Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District and RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. to draft the Pine River 1W1P for consideration by the Policy Committee.

MSP Approved a professional service contract between Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District and Region Five Development Commission to facilitate meetings with stakeholders and the public to guide the planning process for the Pine River 1W1P.

MSP Approved an amended Grant Budget for the Pine River 1W1P partnership, copy attached.

Advisory Committee Appointments:

MSP appointed the following persons to the Advisory Committee upon report from staff that these persons were willing to serve.

Cass County: Richard Nelles, Dana Leverington, Dave Schaumberg (two appointees yet to be made)

Crow Wing County: Bob Scharandbroich, Dave Peterson, Ron Meyer, Jon Lubke (one appointee yet to be made)

Kickoff Meeting Open House:

Scheduled for May 7, 2018; agenda attached. Staff directed to timely issue press releases as appropriate to area media outlets giving notice and information to the public of the meeting and open house and otherwise give notice of the meeting as necessary or desirable.

Advisory Committee and Policy Committee Meetings:

The PC by unanimous consent took the following actions

- 1) Set a joint PC and Advisory Committee meeting for Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the Cass County Land Department meeting room in Backus, MN.

Notice: the next meeting of the Policy Committee is a joint meeting with the Advisory Committee and is on Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at the Cass County Land Department meeting room in Backus, MN.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Submitted by Jim Ballenthin, Secretary