

YELLOW MEDICINE **ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN** POLICY COMMITTEE (PC)
MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2015
(rescheduled from January 7, 2015 due to the inclement weather)
Lyon County Government Center, Marshall MN

Members Present:

Rick Anderson, John Boulton, Tim Buysse, Joe Drietz, Tim Dritz, Gary Crowley, Jeff Johnson, Roy Marihart, Jerry Nelson, Glen Sorensen and Hollis Weber.

Planning Committee Members Present:

Kerry Netzke, John Biren, Lou Ann Nagel, Pauline VanOverbeke, Jolene Johnson, Cindy Potz, Terry Wittnebel, Mark Hiles and David Sill.

Others Present:

Julie Blackburn – RESPECT, Matt Drewitz – BWSR, and Emma Volz – YMRWD.

Vice Chairman Roy Marihart called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Introductions were made.

Motion by Dritz, seconded by Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Weber, seconded by Crowley, to approve the November 12, 2014 Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

New Board Members

Lincoln County has appointed Commissioner Joe Drietz as delegate and Commissioner Don Evers as alternate to this committee. Area II's delegate and alternate who are the Chairman and Vice Chairman will be elected at their meeting tomorrow.

Advisory Committees (Technical and Citizen Subcommittees)

Netzke noted that the Advisory Committee is the equivalent of a county water planning task force. The committee will consist of LGU staff, stakeholder groups, citizens and agency staff. The purpose of this committee is to make recommendations to the Policy Committee regarding the Plan content.

The Planning Work Group (PWG) had initially listed potential members for the committee. The PWG, along with a representative from each of the five State agencies (BWSR, DNR, MPCA, MDA, MDH) are included. Discussion followed among the committee as to who should be included in the Advisory Committee, yet keep the number workable. Day meetings are preferred. Consensus of the Policy committee was to include the following members:

Technical Advisory Committee

BWSR – David Sill/Mark Hiles
DNR – Lucas Youngsma
MDA – Spencer Herbert
MDH – Amanda Strommer
MPCA – Mike Weckwerth
Dale Sterzinger – Lincoln SWCD
Tyler Knutson – Yellow Medicine SWCD

Citizen Advisory Committee

Rodney Stensrud, YMRWD Advisory Committee
Dennis Klingbile, Lincoln Water Task Force
Gary Crowley, Lyon Water Task Force
Mitch Kling, Yellow Medicine Water Task Force
A representative from LQP Water Task Force
A representative from a city government
A representative from local sportsmens clubs

Technical Advisory Committee

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Brian Zabel – Lac qui Parle SWCD

Luke Olson – Lyon SWCD/Environmental/Ditch

Robert Olson – Lincoln Environmental Office/Ditch

Chris Balfany – Yellow Medicine Environmental /Ditch

Jenny Breberg – Lac qui Parle Environmental/Ditch

Emma Volz – YMRWD

Dennis Johnson – NRCS (Lincoln)

Citizen Advisory Committee

A representative from livestock producers

A representative from Corn & Soybean Growers

Jared Wagner, Upper Sioux Community

Mike Gunlogson, citizen at large

3 additional citizen at large members

Netzke will work to fill the representative seats on the Citizen Advisory Committee from the names provided by Committee members.

Kick-off Meeting Update

Dates and Location: The Southwest Sportsmens Club has been reserved for Tuesday, March 3 at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 4 at 8:30 a.m. as decided at the last meeting. Snow dates of March 10 and March 11 have also been arranged. The contract with RESPEC has been executed and the U of M Extension agreement for facilitation services will be approved by the Area II Board of Directors tomorrow.

Caterers: Netzke is to contact the following suggested caterers: Rusty's from Taunton, CJ's from Minneota, Bootlegger's at Granite Falls, and Old Time Café at Ivanhoe. Consensus of the committee was to choose a caterer from within the pilot watershed area if possible.

Public Notice of Kick-Off Meeting and Invitation: Drafts were provided of the public notice and invitation. Discussion followed. Motion by Buysse, seconded by Anderson, to approve the public notice and news release as discussed. Legal notice is to be published in the *Canby News*, *Madison Western Guard*, *Ivanhoe Times*, and *Balaton Tribute* as official county papers. News releases are to be provided to additional papers including: *Dawson Sentinel*, *Marshall Independent*, *Hendricks Pioneer*, *Granite Falls Advocate-Tribune*, *Tri-County News*, *Minneota Mascot*, and *Montevideo American-News*. Motion carried. The Committee wishes to invite all property owners within the pilot watershed area. Netzke obtained 1,702 mailing labels for these owners from YMRWD. Motion by Weber, seconded by Crowley, to approve the mailing of invitations to these 1,702 property owners including a map of the 1W1P pilot area with printing provided by Henle's Printing. Motion carried.

Set Date of 60-Day Comment Period:

The initiation of the comment period begins with notification given to stakeholders. YMRWD provided the list of current stakeholders with the Yellow Medicine WRAPS project. This list was reviewed and adopted as the stakeholder list for 1W1P. Netzke will plan to send notification to the stakeholders the last week of January.

Julie Blackburn, RESPEC

Blackburn introduced herself to the Committee. RESPEC is thrilled to have been chosen as the Plan consultant and intends to make this Plan the pride of all the 1W1P pilots. RESPEC has recently hired Geoff Kramer, a U of M Ag Engineer with extensive drainage background who is currently reviewing existing plans. Emily Javens, PE will be the primary Plan writer and will work most closely with the committees. Blackburn will provide overall project management to assure that the project stays on schedule. Blackburn also spoke of the user-interface tool created by RESPEC known as SAM (Scenario Application Manager). This tool takes the complex information from the HSPF model of the watershed and makes it usable by SWCDs and others within the watershed. Currently, the Yellow Medicine watershed is the only watershed that SAM is tailored to. RESPEC plans to present SAM at a future

meeting to demonstrate its capabilities and ease of use. Blackburn added that RESPEC has completed HSPF modeling for 60-70% of Minnesota's watersheds to date through contracts with MPCA.

Next Meeting Date

Consensus of the Committee was to schedule Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. for the next meeting. The location will be the BWSR Conference Room unless it is unavailable.

With no other business, the Vice Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Sorensen, Secretary.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glen Sorensen".