

YELLOW MEDICINE **ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN** POLICY COMMITTEE (PC)
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2014
Lyon County Government Center, Marshall MN

Members Present:

Ron Antony, Curt Blumeyer, John Boulton, DeRon Brehmer, Tim Dritz, Allen Deutz, Gary Crowley, Gary Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Roy Marihart, John Schueller, Glen Sorensen, Rodney Stensrud and Hollis Weber.

Planning Committee Members Present:

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

Introductions were made.

The agenda, as attached, was adopted as presented.

Overview of the Committee's Roles and Responsibilities

Netzke provided and reviewed the executed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), BWSR approved Work Plan, and BWSR Guiding Principles with the committee. Discussion followed regarding the importance of this committee and that a representative from all ten partners needs to be present. The consensus of the group was to plan meetings on Wednesdays as this was an agreeable day.

Election of Officers

Netzke opened the floor for nominations.

Motion was made by G. Johnson, seconded by Dritz, to nominate Rodney Stensrud for Chairman. Nominations were called for three more times. Motion by Blumeyer, seconded by Schueller, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Rodney Stensrud for Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by G. Johnson, seconded by Sorensen, to nominate Roy Marihart for Vice Chairman. Nominations were called for three more times. Motion by Dritz, seconded by Blumeyer, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Roy Marihart for Vice Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Blumeyer, seconded by Dritz, to nominate Glen Sorensen for Secretary. Nominations were called for three more times. Motion by Dritz, seconded by Schueller, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Glen Sorensen for Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Stensrud presided over the rest of the meeting.

Adopt ByLaws

Netzke reviewed the ByLaws that have been drafted by the Planning Work Group (PWG).

Biren added that Article I, section 3, last sentence "*The ORGANIZATION recognized that development of One Watershed, OnePlan will increase coordination, decrease duplication of efforts, and provide*

additional assurances for meeting defined goals and measurable outcomes” is the most important statement in the document and defines this effort best.

Under Article II, after section 2, the following will be added as a new section: *A second alternate shall also be appointed. Only in the absence of the delegate and the first alternate is the second alternate given voting responsibilities.*

The Policy Committee wishes to strike the last sentence under Article IV, section 6. MCIT recently published that Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th Edition, states *“It should be noted that a member’s absence from the meeting for which minutes are being approved does not prevent the member from participating in their correction or appeal.”* In other words, a member may vote to approve the minutes even if the member was not present at that meeting.

Section 2 of Article V- Voting was discussed at length. A quorum of the PC was approved as a simple majority, however approving more important decision-making documents, such as the final plan or changes to the bylaws or MOA, could require a supermajority vote of greater than 50%. The PWG’s concern for instance, is if only 6 of the 10 PC members would vote in favor of the final plan, it may make it difficult for those opposing voters to encourage approval of the plan by the entity that they represent. Although our goal is to achieve unanimous approval of the final plan, provisions should be made to allow a few opposing votes, yet still allow the plan to be approved. Discussion followed. Consensus was to include Section 2 stating that a supermajority of 75% (only 2 opposing votes) is necessary for passing of the final plan, or any changes to the bylaws or MOA.

Article VIII, Section 1 identifies Marshall as the meeting site. Other locations are available and meetings could be rotated among the partners. Consensus of the Committee was to leave Marshall as the locale, however the Committee does have discretion to change locations as needed.

Article IX, Sections 1 and 2: These sections will be revised to include a supermajority vote of 75% instead of a majority vote.

Article IX, Section 4: The following will be added as the last sentence: *“Prompt payment will be made after Policy Committee approval of the bills.”*

With the next PC meeting not planned until after January 1st, a motion was made by Crowley, seconded by Schueller, to approve the bylaws as amended and for Netzke to acquire signatures in December. Motion carried unanimously. The approved bylaws are due to the BWSR St. Paul office by December 31, 2014.

Endorse Consultants for Hire

The PWG recommends the hire of RESPEC for plan writing and modeling. RESPEC and Houston Engineering, Inc. were asked to submit a Request for Interest (RFI). The PWG chose to send a group of three (Biren, Netzke and VanOverbeke) to informally interview both consultants. This subcommittee verbally recapped the strong points of both firms. It was felt that RESPEC will provide the best product for the Yellow Medicine watershed. A motion was made by G. Johnson, seconded by Blumeyer, to accept the proposal from RESPEC in the amount of \$191,610 for the Yellow Medicine One Watershed, One Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

The PWG also recommends the hire of the University of MN Extension Watershed Educators for facilitation of the Kick-off meeting in 2015. Doug Malchow and Karen Terry will provide their services to ensure strong public participation. The Watershed Game will be played by the meeting participants. The PC expressed concern in the event that more than 40 attend the Kick-off meeting and if the higher rate would be charged. Consensus of the Board was to only have two Watershed Games played and additional attendees will be involved in group discussion with the plan consultants. A motion was made by Schueller, seconded by Dritz, to approve the hire of U of M Extension Watershed Educators in the amount of \$2,400 for facilitation of the Kick-off meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Dates for Kick-off Meetings

The PWG is recommending that two meetings be held: one meeting during the evening with a light supper provided, and a morning meeting with breakfast served. The reasoning behind two meetings is to capture the evening crowd for those who work during the day, while the morning meeting will capture those who do not care to travel at night or work night shifts. The Work Plan sets the meeting time frame from February 1 to March 30. Initially, a Wednesday night/Thursday morning scenario was favored. Malchow noted that Ash Wednesday falls on February 18. There would be two Wednesdays in February prior to Lent beginning. Tuesday night/Wednesday morning or Thursday night/Friday morning meetings were discussed. Consensus of the PC was to schedule March 3/March 4 as the Kick-off meeting dates to be held at the Minneota Sportsmens Club. Snow dates of March 10/March 11 will be reserved.

Next Meeting Date

At the next meeting, the U of M Extension wishes to share the results of the Community Assessment Survey. This information will not be available until after January 1. The Board wishes to meet RESPEC and would like to invite the project managers to attend the next meeting. Consensus of the Board was to set Wednesday, January 9, 2014 at 9:00 am for the next meeting. The location will be the BWSR Conference Room unless it is unavailable.

With no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Sorenson, Secretary.