

YELLOW MEDICINE **ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN** PLANNING WORK GROUP (PWG)
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2014 – 9:00 am WebEx

Present via telephone/WebEx

Emily Javens – RESPEC, Kerry Netzke, John Biren, Lou Ann Nagel, Pauline VanOverbeke, Jolene Johnson, Terry Wittnebel, Mark Hiles, Matt Drewitz and Jason Beckler – BWSR, Amanda Strommer – MDH, Mike Weckwerth – MPCA.

The agenda, as attached, was prepared by Javens for today's discussion concentrating on the groundwater section of the Implementation Plan.

Detailed Schedule

The schedule for October meetings or WebEx meetings with the PWG was outlined. It was decided that the October 21st meeting would be in person at Marshall from 8:00 – 4:00. The Advisory Committee will meet on November 4th from 2:00 – 4:00, and the PWG will meet prior to the AC meeting from 11:30 – 1:30. Netzke will schedule rooms and notify the groups. Javens' schedule includes posting implementation plan sections on Yammer prior to the meetings, as well as revisions to those sections afterwards.

The month of November will also include:

- 1) a Policy Committee meeting to approve the Implementation Plan and to discuss a formal agreement for implementation,
- 2) more detailed and individualized SAM training, and
- 3) 90% Plan release by November 25. (Javens added that "90% Plan" basically means the final Plan without the public comments incorporated.)

The month of December will include:

- 1) Public comments due December 9
- 2) Final Plan release on December 16.

Review Groundwater Implementation Section

Javens provided several action items (as attached) for discussion today including: **Assist with Groundwater Monitoring, Seal Unused Wells, Construct Groundwater Recharge Projects, Complete Wellhead Protection Plans, Consider Ordinances for Groundwater Protection, and Conduct Public Outreach on Groundwater Issues.** PWG members discussed the action items and Javens made the changes where needed. Additionally, another action item is to be added: **Complete Geologic Atlas.** A few of the member counties have begun the process to request the atlas. There is currently Clean Water Funding available with the county to provide in-kind testing/monitoring of the wells without cash match. Household Hazardous Waste was also discussed as a potential action item for education of proper disposal.

Strommer added that a Groundwater Restoration and Protection Strategies (GRAPS) is in the beginning stages however this effort doesn't have the funding behind it like WRAPS does.

Hiles reminded that group that the Measurable Goals section must be nailed with the details of what, when, where, who and how.

The PWG agreed upon the edits by consensus.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m. via WebEx. Javens will send out the invitations. It is asked that everyone scheduled 1.5 -2 hours for this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Netzke, Area II Executive Director