

YELLOW MEDICINE **ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN** PLANNING WORK GROUP (PWG)
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2015 – 11:00 a.m.

Present :

Julie Blackburn – RESPEC, Kerry Netzke, John Biren, Lou Ann Nagel, Cindy Potz, Emma Volz, Pauline VanOverbeke, Jolene Johnson, Terry Wittnebel, Mark Hiles, Matt Drewitz and David Sill - BWSR.

The agenda, as attached and provided by RESPEC, was adopted as presented.

Confirm Lists

Blackburn requested the updated lists of 1W1P committees, their members and their contact information. If Excel spreadsheets are available for mailing lists, they would be appreciated. Plan Review authorities were discussed. This list is to be more extensive than just agency representatives. The current list of state and local plans for review were discussed. BWSR compiled several of these plans where comparisons and differences were noted. Netzke provided a paper copy to Blackburn and Sill will provide an electronic version to Blackburn. WRAPS is currently behind schedule due to resegmenting, however completion is expected June 2015. The three WRAPS scenarios were identified and shared with Blackburn consisting of: upland erosion control; riparian buffers (80%) coupled with cover crops (30%); and nutrient management with manure management. TetraTech estimated four months to complete the scenarios, or early April.

Area II's website should be the main website for 1W1P updates as well as posting of all committee minutes and agendas. Netzke will see that this is established by the February 18 meeting.

Timeline/Goals

Geoff Kramer is already working on plan review. Emily Javens will meet with each county/SWCD for collecting local priorities and issues. She is comfortable driving to each county rather than a central meeting location. Data collection should ideally be done a week or more prior to the next Policy Committee meeting so data can be shared with that group. Emily will contact the individual groups and will arrange meeting dates and locations. Consensus of the group is to plan these meetings for February 2 & 3.

In discussing future meeting dates of the Policy and Advisory Committees, concern was expressed about keeping the committees on track. Blackburn offered to plan the tentative meeting dates needed for the various committees. Discussion was held regarding the use of video conferencing or webinars for meetings. RESPEC has difficulty with video but can easily provide the web-based meetings. With regard to managing edits of the Plan, this can be difficult. Online editing tools such as "Drop Box" and "Share Point" were discussed, although no decisions were made. Consensus was for the PWG to make editing decisions with final approval by the Policy Committee.

Kerry is to serve as the main contact for RESPEC and she will forward correspondence to the PWG.

Next Meeting Agenda

The PWG will meet with RESPEC again following the next Policy Committee meeting scheduled for February 18, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.