

YELLOW MEDICINE **ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN** PLANNING WORK GROUP (PWG)
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2015 – 1:00 PM
Lyon County Government Center – Rooms 1 & 2

Present

Julie Blackburn, Emily Javens – RESPEC; John Biren, Jolene Johnson, LouAnn Nagel, Kerry Netzke, Pauline VanOverbeke; Terry Wittnebel; Matt Drewitz, Mark Hiles, and Jason Beckler – BWSR, Lucas Youngsma – DNR, and Amanda Strommer – MDH.

Netzke recapped the Policy Committee meeting held this morning. Highlights include:

- PC approval of the revised Work Plan and timeline
- PC approval to formally request the Work Plan extension from BWSR
- PC approval to extend the existing MOA from June 30, 2016 to December 31, 2016
- PC approval to provide Plan governance with a new MOA between the 10 partnering entities
- The next meeting will be February 10, 2016 at a location to be determined. The Measurable Goals section will be ready for review and approval at this time.

Blackburn reported on her progress with writing the plan which she has shared with the PWG on the Yammer FTP site. Due to the annual conventions, no changes to the Plan have been made. With the decisions made by the PC today, she will be able to continue writing. The county ordinances have been difficult as not all ordinances are online and tend to be very different from county to county.

Javens presented results that she obtained using the SAM tool and incorporating the recommendations from Table 12B from WRAPS. The results are disappointing as that converting all the cropland to grassland does not meet the overall watershed reduction goals. Discussion followed. Javens requested the technical staff to determine which field-scale BMPs are priority and to adjust the adoption rate percentages over the next 10 years. With this information, additional scenarios can be run in the prioritized subwatersheds to see if we can move the needle some. This work needs to be completed in a timely fashion as the data is needed before the January 12 meeting to review the Implementation Plan.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) -- Matt Drewitz compiled a guidance document to help determine what criteria will determine if a project qualifies as a capital improvement. Discussion followed. Consensus of the PWG was to adopt the following criteria for capital improvement projects:

- Over \$100,000 in cost (single BMP, or BMP train)
- Minimum 25-year effective life
- Restoration of an existing capital improvement is included if it meets the above criteria
- Adopt this definition of **Capital Improvement Plan** – *a short-range plan, ten years in length, which identifies capital improvement projects, provides a development schedule, and identifies options for financing the plan.*

The 1W1P should include a list of currently planned capital improvement projects, target specific areas of concern, develop a more detailed CIP within 5 years of Plan adoption, and a list of past completed capital improvement projects. *(The guidance document is attached to these Minutes.)*

Strommer noted that a Wellhead Protection Plan Meeting with Lincoln/Pipestone Rural Water is planned for December 17, 2015 in Lake Benton starting at 10:00 AM. She will email the meeting notice to everyone who should feel free to attend.

Youngsma reported that a Buffer Mapping viewer is available for Phase I mapping (Public Waters with shoreland classifications). Phase 2 and 3 mapping are coming soon. Youngsma recently had a conversation with Dave Leuthe who is leading the DNR mapping effort. If the Yellow Medicine watershed could pull information together, the watershed could still be moved up on the priority list.

Next meeting

- Tuesday, January 12 PWG & TC to review Implementation Plan 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Netzke, Area II Executive Director