

# Watonwan Watershed 2W2P – Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

By Microsoft Teams/Conference Call as Declared by Watonwan County

## **Present:**

Rich Enger  
Jim Eigenberg  
Bill Miller  
Larry Hansen  
Clark Lingbeek  
Gary Rathman

## **Representing:**

Watonwan SWCD Supervisor  
Jackson Co. Commissioner  
Watonwan Co. Commissioner  
Jackson SWCD Supervisor  
Cottonwood SWCD  
Brown SWCD

## **Present:**

Tom Appel  
  
Tyler Ask  
Steve Flohrs  
John Rollings  
Will Purvis

## **Representing:**

Cottonwood Co. Commissioner  
  
Martin SWCD  
Martin Co. Commissioner  
Blue Earth SWCD Supervisor  
Blue Earth Co. Commissioner

David Haler  
Dave Bucklin  
Jerad Bach  
Andy Meyer  
Jill Sackett Eberhart  
Ashley Brenke  
Julie Conrad  
Shaina Keseley  
Drew Kessler

Watonwan County  
Cottonwood SWCD  
Blue Earth SWCD  
Brown County  
BWSR  
Martin SWCD  
Blue Earth SWCD  
BWSR  
HEI

Kay Gross  
Chris Bauer  
Chad Hildebrand  
Melanie Krueger  
Andy Geiger  
Ashley Broussard

Cottonwood County  
Jackson SWCD  
Watonwan SWCD  
Brown SWCD  
Jackson County  
MN/IA Conservation Corp

Rachel Olm

HEI

## **Watonwan County Board Chair Ray Gustafson – March 17, 2020**

**Due to the current pandemic, I authorize remote electronic formats to be used to conduct Policy Committee and any other applicable meetings of the Watonwan Watershed Planning Partnership until such time that State and Federal guidelines would recommend that in person meetings may be resumed.**

**Call to Order:** Watonwan Watershed 2W2P Policy Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Enger at 2:08 pm.

## **Roll Call**

### **Agenda – Presented**

Motion by Will Purvis, second by Steve Flohrs to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Yes Blue Earth Co Commissioner – Will Purvis  
Yes Blue Earth SWCD Supervisor – John Rollings  
Yes Cottonwood Co Commissioner – Tom Appel  
Yes Cottonwood SWCD Supervisor – Clark Lingbeek  
Yes Jackson Co Commissioner – Jim Eigenberg  
Yes Jackson SWCD Supervisor – Larry Hansen  
Yes Martin Co Commissioner – Steve Flohrs  
Yes Martin SWCD Supervisor – Tyler Ask  
Yes Watonwan Co Commissioner – Bill Miller  
Yes Watonwan SWCD Supervisor – Rich Enger

### **Minutes – Presented 5-20-2020 (Policy)**

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Bill Miller to approve the May 20, 2020 Policy Committee Meeting minutes. Motion carried, all yes.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Yes Blue Earth Co Commissioner – Will Purvis  
Yes Blue Earth SWCD Supervisor – John Rollings  
Yes Cottonwood Co Commissioner – Tom Appel  
Yes Cottonwood SWCD Supervisor – Clark Lingbeek  
Yes Jackson Co Commissioner – Jim Eigenberg  
Yes Jackson SWCD Supervisor – Larry Hansen  
Yes Martin Co Commissioner – Steve Flohrs  
Yes Martin SWCD Supervisor – Tyler Ask  
Yes Watonwan Co Commissioner – Bill Miller  
Yes Watonwan SWCD Supervisor – Rich Enger

**GBERBA Joint Powers Agreement Update** – Kay Gross

Committee met with Ann Goering via WebEx on August 3. Our Joint Powers Agreement is at an age that a total rewrite is being completed, the agreement will be shortened with a lot of the content going into By-Laws for the organization. Ann will be sending out a draft Joint Powers Agreement for the committee to review before our next meeting on September 29.

Gary Rathman joined the meeting.

**Bills to Pay and Financial Statement** – David Haler

Motion by Jim Eigenberg, second by Larry Hansen to approve the Financial Report and pay the bills totaling \$15,245.14 (\$9,730.50 - HEI; \$1,530.99 - Cottonwood County; \$3,983.65 - Watonwan Land Management). Motion carried, all yes.

**Roll Call Vote**

Yes Blue Earth Co Commissioner – Will Purvis  
Yes Blue Earth SWCD Supervisor – John Rollings  
Abstained Brown SWCD Supervisor – Gary Rathman  
Yes Cottonwood Co Commissioner – Tom Appel  
Yes Cottonwood SWCD Supervisor – Clark Lingbeek  
Yes Jackson Co Commissioner – Jim Eigenberg  
Yes Jackson SWCD Supervisor – Larry Hansen  
Yes Martin Co Commissioner – Steve Flohrs  
Yes Martin SWCD Supervisor – Tyler Ask  
Yes Watonwan Co Commissioner – Bill Miller  
Yes Watonwan SWCD Supervisor – Rich Enger

**Financial Spreadsheet** – David Haler

Remaining budget is \$36,775.33 with HEI budget \$4,300 approximate at this time.

**DRAFT Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan** – Steering Team Members and HEI

Motion by Will Purvis, second by Bill Miller to approve the DRAFT Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and move to Public Hearings in each Member County. Motion carried, all yes.

**Roll Call Vote**

Yes Blue Earth Co Commissioner – Will Purvis  
Yes Blue Earth SWCD Supervisor – John Rollings  
Yes Brown SWCD Supervisor – Gary Rathman  
Yes Cottonwood Co Commissioner – Tom Appel  
Yes Cottonwood SWCD Supervisor – Clark Lingbeek  
Yes Jackson Co Commissioner – Jim Eigenberg  
Yes Jackson SWCD Supervisor – Larry Hansen  
Yes Martin Co Commissioner – Steve Flohrs  
Yes Martin SWCD Supervisor – Tyler Ask  
Yes Watonwan Co Commissioner – Bill Miller  
Yes Watonwan SWCD Supervisor – Rich Enger

**Other -**

**Schedule Moving Forward and Public Hearings** – Jill Sackett Eberhart

Public Hearings will be held during the weeks of September 14 and 21 in all member counties. All public comments will need to be in by September 22 and need to be addressed before it is sent for review. State agencies will have 30 days to comment and needs to include all comments throughout. Need to then send out to the BWSR Southern Regional Meeting (of which need two weeks to review). Possible - Steering Team meeting on Friday, September 25 and the Policy Committee on Monday, September 28.

**Adjourn**

Adjourned at 2:49 p.m. by Chair Rich Enger.

Tentative Next Meeting – September 28 - 1:00 p.m. location to be determined.