

Watowan Watershed 2W2P – Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Watowan County Human Services Building – By Conference Call as Declared by Watowan County Attorney

Present:

Rich Enger
Tyler Ask
Jim Eigenberg
Larry Hansen
Clark Lingbeek
Clem Windschitl

Representing:

Watowan SWCD Supervisor
Martin SWCD Supervisor
Jackson Co. Commissioner
Jackson SWCD Supervisor
Cottonwood SWCD
Brown SWCD

Present:

Tom Appel
Tony Berg
Ray Gustafson
Steve Flohrs
John Rollings

Representing:

Cottonwood Co. Commissioner
Brown County Commissioner
Watowan Co. Commissioner
Martin Co. Commissioner
Blue Earth SWCD Supervisor

Heidi Salminen
Dave Bucklin
Andy Meyer
Jill Sackett Eberhart
Ashley Brenke
Shaina Keseley

Watowan SWCD
Cottonwood SWCD
Brown County
BWSR
Martin SWCD
BWSR

Kay Gross
Chris Bauer
Melanie Krueger
Andy Geiger
Josh Votruba
Lee Tapper

Cottonwood County
Jackson SWCD
Brown SWCD
Jackson County
Cottonwood SWCD
Cottonwood SWCD/County

Watowan 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 Watowan Watershed Planning Partnership until such time that State and Federal guidelines would recommend that in person meetings may be resumed.

Call to Order: Watowan Watershed 2W2P Policy Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rich Enger at 1:00 pm.

Roll Call

Agenda – Presented

Motion by Tony Berg, second by John Rollings to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Roll Call Vote

Yes Blue Earth SWCD Supervisor – John Rollings
Yes Brown Co Commissioner – Tony Berg
Yes Brown SWCD Supervisor – Clem Windschitl
Yes Cottonwood Co Commissioner – Tom Appel
Yes Cottonwood SWCD Supervisor – Clark Lingbeek
Yes Jackson Co Commissioner – Jim Eigenberg
Yes Martin Co Commissioner – Steve Flohrs
Yes Watowan Co Commissioner – Ray Gustafson
Yes Watowan SWCD Supervisor – Rich Enger

Minutes – February 19 Work Session - Reviewed

Minutes - Presented

Motion by John Rollings, second by Jim Eigenberg to approve the February 19 Policy Committee Meeting minutes with the following correction under Major Concerns as directed to HEI: 5. Inconsistent use of One Watershed, One Plan Operating Procedures 2.0 and One Watershed, One Plan, plan Content Requirements 2.0. These versions and content need to be used in development of the watershed plan. Motion carried, all yes.

Roll Call Vote

Yes Blue Earth SWCD Supervisor – John Rollings
Yes Brown Co Commissioner – Tony Berg
Yes Brown SWCD Supervisor – Clem Windschitl
Yes Cottonwood Co Commissioner – Tom Appel
Yes Cottonwood SWCD Supervisor – Clark Lingbeek
Yes Jackson Co Commissioner – Jim Eigenberg
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HEI Meeting from March 4 – David Bucklin, Tom Appel
Discussion of new HEI calendar and response letter.

Authorization for Executive Committee to Pay Bills

Motion by Tyler Ask, second by Tony Berg to allow the Watonwan 1W1P Executive Committee the authority to authorize the payment of bills between full Policy Committee meetings through the end of May, if deemed necessary. Motion carried, all yes.

Roll Call Vote

Yes Blue Earth SWCD Supervisor – John Rollings
Yes Brown Co Commissioner – Tony Berg
Yes Brown SWCD Supervisor – Clem Windschitl
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 – Ray Gustafson
Yes Watonwan SWCD Supervisor – Rich Enger

Consensus that the Steering Committee is allowed to authorize (to the Executive or Policy Committee) when the Houston bill can and will be paid.

Bills to Pay and Financial Statement – Heidi Salminen

No bills to pay, Houston is holding their bill at this time. Financial statement has not changed. Directed to send out financial statement and the Houston calendar/schedule.

Advisory Committee – Additional Meeting

Discussion. Send out to the Advisory Committee for the 60-day comment period. Will let the Advisory Committee Chair, Tim Sorenson, know that we will have the final document going to 60-day comment period and will send out that copy to each citizen member after the Policy Committee approval. At this time, we have not vetted the responsibilities, if any, of the Advisory in the future.

Other

Timeline reviewed. May and September Policy Committee Meeting are going to be the most important meetings in which we need attendance. Steering Team meeting did go well today, but we will be having a small group meeting with MPCA in the very near future, to clarify their comments.

Wishing Heidi the best on her new adventures!!!! All Steering Team and Policy Committee information will come through Kay Gross and Josh Votruba, in collaboration with David Haler.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 1:45 p.m. by Chair Rich Enger.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 20, 2020 1:00 p.m. location to be determined.