

# Watowan Watershed 2W2P – Policy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Watowan County Resource Center – By WebEx/Conference Call as Declared by Watowan County

## **Present:**

Rich Enger  
Tony Berg  
Ray Gustafson  
Larry Hansen  
Clark Lingbeek  
Clem Windschitl

## **Representing:**

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

## **Present:**

Tom Appel  
Jim Eigenberg  
  
Steve Flohrs  
John Rollings  
Will Purvis

## **Representing:**

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

David Haler  
Dave Bucklin  
Jerad Bach  
Andy Meyer  
Jill Sackett Eberhart  
Ashley Brenke  
Shaina Keseley  
Charlie Sawdey

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

Kay Gross  
Chris Bauer  
Chad Hildebrand  
Melanie Krueger  
Andy Geiger  
Josh Votruba  
  
Drew Kessler

Cottonwood County  
Jackson SWCD  
Watowan SWCD  
Brown SWCD  
Jackson County  
Cottonwood SWCD  
  
HEI

## **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 1:05 pm.

## **Roll Call**

### **Agenda – Presented**

Motion by John Rollings, second by Larry Hansen to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of Timeline Schedule and Public Hearings and Consensus on GBERBA as Fiscal Agent. Motion carried, all yes.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Yes Blue Earth Co Commissioner – Will Purvis  
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 Jackson Co Commissioner – Jim Eigenberg  
Yes Jackson SWCD Supervisor – Larry Hansen  
Yes Martin Co Commissioner – Steve Flohrs  
Yes Watowan Co Commissioner – Ray Gustafson  
Yes Watowan SWCD Supervisor – Rich Enger

### **Minutes – Presented 3-18-2020 (Policy) and 4-15-2020 (Executive)**

Motion by Ray Gustafson, second by Clem Windschitl to approve the March 18 Policy Committee Meeting minutes and the April 15, 2020 Executive Committee minutes. Motion carried, all yes.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Yes Blue Earth Co Commissioner – Will Purvis  
Yes Blue Earth SWCD Supervisor – John Rollings  
Yes Brown Co Commissioner – Tony Berg  
Yes Brown SWCD Supervisor – Clem Windschitl  
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**DRAFT Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan** – Steering Team Members and HEI Motion by Will Purvis, second by Jim Eigenberg to approve the DRAFT Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and distribute for the 60-day comment period. Motion carried, all yes.

**Roll Call Vote**

Yes Blue Earth Co Commissioner – Will Purvis  
Yes Blue Earth SWCD Supervisor – John Rollings  
Yes Brown Co Commissioner – Tony Berg  
Yes Brown SWCD Supervisor – Clem Windschitl  
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Yes Cottonwood SWCD Supervisor – Clark Lingbeek  
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Yes Martin Co Commissioner – Steve Flohrs  
Yes Watonwan Co Commissioner – Ray Gustafson  
Yes Watonwan SWCD Supervisor – Rich Enger

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

Motion by Tony Berg, second by Steve Flohrs to approve the Financial Report and pay the bills totaling \$24,684.59 (\$23,558.75 HEI and \$1,125.84 Cottonwood SWCD). Motion carried, all yes.

**Roll Call Vote**

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**Authorization for Executive Committee to Pay Bills**

Motion by Ray Gustafson, second by Larry Hansen to allow the Watonwan 1W1P Executive Committee the authority to authorize the payment of bills between full Policy Committee meetings through the end of August, if deemed necessary. Motion carried, all yes.

**Roll Call Vote**

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**Cost-Effective Project Table** – Kay Gross  
Reviewed.

**Other**

**Schedule Moving Forward and Public Hearings**

Updated the Key Dates and Narrative by BWSR. Delete (page 2) ~~September Tentative~~ — Per MOA, the County Boards each approves submittal of the Plan by the watershed Policy Committee to the state.

Add – Hold Policy Committee Meeting between September 18-30.

Public Hearing – if nothing is changed in the final plan – Can the Policy Committee submit to BWSR?

Or

Public Hearing – if substantial changes – does the Policy Committee have the authority to submit after changes are made or does it need to go back to the 12 entities for approval.

60 day comment period is done on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Public Hearing no sooner than August 3 (Need to incorporate 60-day comments) – All Public Hearing comments need to be recorded and each comment has to be addresses.

After comments received from 60-day – compile and meeting with Steering Team prior to the (Tentative) August 19 Policy Committee Meeting.

Will request a mid-November Southern Regional Board of Water and Soil Resources Meeting to review and approve submittal to the State BWSR Board Meeting.

**GBERBA Fiscal Agent**

Motion by Tony Berg second by Tom Appel to approve the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) as the fiscal agent for the Watonwan River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and Implementation and the initiation of hiring an outside entity to write the updated GBERBA Joint Powers Agreement and the payment for such work. Motion carried, all yes.

**Roll Call Vote**

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**Adjourn**

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Rich Enger.

Tentative Next Meeting – Wednesday, August 19, 2020 1:00 p.m. location to be determined.