

Thief River 1W1P

Planning Group/Advisory Committee/Policy Committee

April 11, 2018 - Meeting Notes

Policy Committee (Delegates and Alternates): Grant Nelson, Wally Byklum, Don Jensen, Ray Hendrickson, Neil Peterson, Gary Kiesow, Brad Berg, Rolland Miller.

Planning Group: Myron Jesme, Corey Hanson, Matt Jacobson, Tony Nordby, Peter Nelson, Zack Gutknecht, Matt Fischer, Josh Johnston and Drew Kessler.

Advisory Committee: Jeff Franson, Kevin Sanders, Mike Flaagan, Loiell Dyrud, Randy McMillian, Steven Holte, Brian Dwight, Denise Oakes, Stephani Klamm, Henry VanOffelen, Lon Aune, Jordan Young, Craig Mowry, Annette Drewes, Wayne Johnson, Darrold Rodahl, Curtiss Hunt and Elroy Aune.

Drew Kessler stated that the goal for today's meeting was to go through the comments for Section 2. Kessler presented a project recap and schedule.

Section 3 will be introduced today, with a decision at June meeting and presented to the Policy Committee in July. Section 4 and 5 will be presented in September and given to the Policy Committee in October. All sections will be drafted out by fall. Final composed plan in February.

Section 2: written comments have been assembled. Go thru those comments today to understand how the revisions will be made.

Darrold Rodahl discussed his concerns that some of the issues are being downgraded and upgraded. Rodahl discussed public perception, stating that maybe they should be left as is and taken to a different table for funding. Rodahl is concerned that some of these issues are being downgraded from the public. Brian Dwight stated that maybe what is a priority for the watershed maybe different from the priority of the SWCD. Peter Nelson explained why items were moved around. Drew Kessler stated that at the March meeting, decision was made to keep the adjusted ranks, there is an explanation as to why they occurred. Comments from the public are preserved in an appendix.

Section 2 comments: Matt Jacobson discussed the following comments he would like to have discussion on:

Comment 2-4 tile drainage: Brian Dwight- lead in thoughts as it concerns to an emerging issue, also need to refer to the section.

Comment #15-16: MnDNR provided additional data. Recommendation to use that data provided by the MnDNR vs what was originally in the plan. Information provided is more accurate as it is local information.

Comment #17: Hybrid cattail: not officially a designated species by the state, but it is a nuisance species. Invasive species is something that is not native to the region and is typically a problem as there is no ecological balance to keep them under control.

Comment: 22-31, 52-54: comments on the maps that were previously approved: include data sources for all the maps. **Add a data dictionary to the plan as an appendix.** Kessler would recommend that continuing to edit the maps will bring up additional comments. Brad Berg suggested including initials from BWSR staff as to who made the comments.

Comment 32: Issue has been approved, but there is a valid point that that this should not be part of the plan as there is no local control as to how it could be done. It is a priority B issue right. **Recommendation to strike it from the plan and add to the appendix for justification.**

Comment: 33: **Add the word pollutant. It would be a change in the definitions.**

Comment 36: No revision but documented for future consideration.

Comment 39: Tile drainage: **Add: Such as drainage management and other practices.**

Comment 45: add text provided from Dept of Ag. regarding pesticides. Wouldn't point out a cause, just that it showed up. Matt Fischer will forward out the information he got from the Dept. of Ag.

Introduction of Section 3: this is where we begin to state measurable goals. Houston will draft the entire section and will give out the entire section to review. Today is an overview. By April 20th they want to get information out to the CAC for discussion in May and a decision in June.

Houston: Used the WRAPS, state and regional strategies, and comprehensive plans. Used local information if they could to use, and then moved up the scale to obtain information. Section 3 has not been reviewed by anyone within the 1W1P.

Kessler reviewed the structure, all is subject to change from review by the PG/CAC/PC.

Corey Hanson previously gave a presentation on Protection and Restoration Strategies. Hanson will incorporate that information into this section.

BWSR has good guidance on what a measurable goal is. This information will get shared with the group.

Houston on other 1W1P, has begun setting goals around land stewardship. This is being presented to ask if the group wants Houston to set goals to guide.

Brian Dwight change from ac.ft. of storage to runoff reduction.

Brad Berg sooner we can see the PTMApp would be best off.

Action: **Houston will begin action to set goals.**

Elroy Aune discussed priority issue and Darrold Rodahl comments. Aune agrees with Rodahl.

Policy Committee meeting was held.

Informational section on nitrate infiltration risk to groundwater supplies. Jenylyn Marchand stated that there is not a lot of information from this area. Kessler discussed data information that was gathered.

Drew fix your legend on your maps (green/gray). Corey Hanson would like this map to put on the website.

Marchand will compare maps to see if there is additional information.

Marchand is willing to present information to the group regarding wells, etc.