



Policy Meeting Minutes

April 20th, 2022

Clearwater County Courthouse Board Room and
Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Policy Committee Members present: Ron Weiss (Red Lake County), Joan Lee (Polk County), Mark LaCrosse (RLC SWCD), Tom Anderson (RLWSD), Neil Peterson (Penninton County), Darryl Tveitbakk (Pennington), Greg Hilgeman (Pennington SWCD), Mark Larson (Clearwater County), Jackie Ulrich (Clearwater SWCD)

SWCD Staff: Chester Powell (Clearwater SWCD)

BWSR Staff: Brett Arne

Consultant: Moriya Rufer (Houston Engineering Inc.)

Note Taker: Brielle Prokosch (Clearwater SWCD)

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 A.M. by Chair Weiss at the Clearwater County Courthouse Board Room and via a Microsoft Teams virtual meeting immediately after the Advisory Meeting.

Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes: Chair Weiss had the committee look over the agenda. Peterson made the motion to approve the changed agenda. Seconded by Larson. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Chair Weiss had the committee look over the last meeting's minutes. No changes were made to the minutes. Tveitbakk made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Lee. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Budget Update: Powell and Rufer noted that the plan was staying under budget. Powell noted the 50% grant was going through an audit while the 40% was being reimbursed by BWSR. The committee looked over the budget and approved.

Draft Plan Submittal: Powell and Rufer informed the board that plan was ready to be submitted for a 30-day internal review. Powell and Rufer asked the board look over the plan and share any comments or corrections via a shared excel worksheet by May 13th. It was noted that now is a good time to get in reviews and comments, so things can be changed before individual LGU boards accept the plan. Peterson made the motion to approve the submittal of the 30-day internal review. Seconded by LaCross. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Hilgeman expressed concern regarding wild rice Ag BMP's and the potential for misunderstandings of the reasoning for cost share on drain tile practices. It was expressed that when drafting the cost share policy, that clarification will be defined to show only portions of tile projects to achieve water quality benefit and not crop production will be eligible for potential cost share.



Individual Board Updates: Powell and Rufer discussed with the board that soon after the end of the 60-day public review the policy members would have to go to their individual LGU boards and offer them the motion to approve the plan. Powell noted that the policy members should let their boards know that a large motion would be coming to approve the plan and prepare them. It was noted that since each board has specific dates for meetings that if a meeting was missed to approve this plan the entire plan would be pushed back on its timeline.

Next Meeting: The committee discussed when and where the next meeting would be held. The committee opted to hold the next advisory and policy meeting May 25th at 9:00 A.M. and plans to have one of the final meetings in October to stay on schedule. It was noted that the May 25th meeting would be a quick meeting and that TEAMS would be available for anyone not able to be there physically as a quorum would still be needed. Tveitbakk made the motion to have the next meeting on May 25th. Seconded by Anderson. *Motion carried unanimously.*

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wiess. Seconded by Larson. *Motion carried unanimously.*

The meeting concluded at 10:59 A.M.

Acronym list:

1W1P: One Watershed, One Plan

BWSR: Board of Water and Soil Resources

HEI: Houston Engineering Inc.

LGU: Local Government Unit

MOA: Memorandum Of Agreement

RLWD: Red Lake Watershed District

SWCD: Soil and Water Conservation District

WRAPS: Water Resource And Protection Strategies