

## Thief River 1W1P

Planning Group/Advisory Committee/Policy Committee  
January 10, 2018 - Meeting Notes

Policy Committee: Grant Nelson, Wally Byklum, LeRoy Ose, Ray Hendrickson, Neil Peterson, Gary Kiesow, Brad Berg, Rolland Miller

Planning Group: Drew Kessler, Matt Fischer, Myron Jesme, Josh Johnston, Zach Gutknecht, Corey Hanson, Darren Carlson, Bryan Malone, Matt Jacobson

Advisory Committee: Jeff Franson, Mike Dransveight, Stephanie Klamm, Jenilynn Marchand, Bill Neuschwander, Lowell Smeby, Craig Mowry, Jordyn Young, Lon Aune, Elroy Aune, Wayne Johnson, Brian Dwight, Mike Flaagan, Steve Holte, Curtis Hunt, Randy McMillian, Denice Oakes, Kevin Sanders, Loiell Dyrud.

Paul Radomski, MnDNR presented information on Zonation. The Policy Committee approved moving forward with Zonation for the Thief River watershed.

Drew Kessler and Matt Jacobson reviewed comments received on Land and Water Resources Inventory (Agenda item 4):

Page 73/74 rec'd comments groundwater and surface water withdrawals. Houston Engineering recommends leaving it in. This is an issue that needs another look, prior to taking action. Stephanie Klamm stated that DNR permits, some are temporary and not on going.

Page 61: Flooding-recommendation to expand this section and we have access to several studies that will update this section relevant to the values. No new information will be created.

Page 76 Fish and Wildlife habitat. Did not find any watershed wide terrestrial habitat. Ask if DNR or USFWS information or refuge management plan. **Action:** Additional information received in the next week will be added to the study. Need to get the impoundment section to gel with this section.

Page \_\_ Wellhead. Clarify the language as to what they mean. Go thru this again and add explanatory text to some areas to describe what (i.e. what a well head protection plan would be). Add narrative to explain in the appendix.

Matt Fischer-figures full page added a lot of pages, his recommendation to build those maps back into it so if flowed together. Corey Hanson you can move some text around where there is white space. Fischer most of the information is from other documents, which are referenced. Kessler keep the full size images, and move text or can they have discretion... consensus was to use discretion to maximum space.

Jenny Marchand line 112 (page 72 of the document) typo on private wells regulation. There is no private well regulation.

Jordan Young page 79 Farnes Pool.

Marchand commented on Page 116, missing a map for the surface water assessment area intakes for TRF, which includes the drinking water in TRF. **Action** to find that figure and include it in the plan.

Corey Hanson page 43 correctly shows the map Elroy Aune referred to.

Approval to move forward with revisions as described above.

Agenda item 5: Resource Concern and Issues: Maps - these maps will go into the plan

Elroy Aune page 91 impaired waters. Branch a of JD 21, that was delisted for e-coli. **Action:** Houston will take the most recent impairments and update the list. Corey Hanson will provide a layer file to update the maps also.

Page 99 Comment #26 – question to combine state land layers so they appear as one colors. They have different management plans for each. If they are managed differently they should be separated by color. Consensus to leave as is.

Comment 28, page 99, terrestrial invasive species (not aquatics) grass species, it is a known public data layer they incorporated into the map. Recommendation to keep it in, in case it becomes an emerging issue. Consensus Keep if emerging concerns, delete if not.

Comment 39, page 92: this map shows the drainage system, but does not geographical place drainage issues as a concern, ditch layer is repeated on other maps. Consensus to keep the map and label the major ditches. Separate the colors of maps. Label the major ditches, pull out public drainage systems from the DNR buffer map, and segment the difference between county and judicial drainage systems. Planning work group (Myron Jesme) will confirm the labeling of the ditches.

Marchand recommended finding a new label so they can read the township and/or location easier.

Comment 44, page 101 urban landscape: proposal to make three sub-set maps (TRF, Grygla, Goodridge) to give a finer scale look at those municipalities. Each will have an inset map.

Houston Engineering will check with MNDNR/Klamm to make sure the correct DFIRM map is being used.

Marchand, page 90 add two inset maps for Goodridge, Grygla that shows the drinking water management areas. Houston Engineering will take action on this item

Steven Linder, page 90 feedlots. Prior comment about removing feedlots, some data is inactive, not perfectly positioned. This information was provided from a public data layer. Asked Linder to follow up with Kessler to remove the dot.

Marcand page 62, What's in My Neighborhood. Give general categories of things, instead of using other sites. Matt Fischer had a written comment on this. Kessler permitted NPDES sites. Denice Oakes, add it could be included but not limited to, etc. (use examples) Kessler get rid of

blue dots described in the text and leave the green triangles (THIS WAS PART OF LAND RESOURCE INVENTORY)

Marchand page 90, bring in the information from the ground water.

Resource Concern Maps: Consensus to move forward with changes.

Agenda item 6-Emerging Concerns:

Page 108: include groundwater fed irrigation.

Neonicotinoids – round-up resistant weeds does not need to be listed specifically.

Tile drainage, loss of CRP, conversion of small grains to row crops. Not an emerging issue.

Renewable energy legislation/BWSR feasibility study for working lands watershed restoration program. **Action** to click on the link and recognize the group may want to look at in the future.

MN Rules and Statutes and add in wetland conservation act. Permitting is not being done accurately on WCA.

Emerging Concerns make revisions as noted.

Discuss-Introduction agenda item 7: Formal homework date to review the introduction.

Introduction is an overview leading into the plan, it is included in the packet on page 109.

**Homework** – get comments by January 29<sup>th</sup>. Request to send out an email to what the homework items are.

Agenda item 8 – Altered hydrology and protection/restoration strategies:

Introduced at last meeting. Altered hydrology no target set on how they can manage it. Attempt to set a goal to manage towards altered hydrology. **Action** – Houston Engineering will look at data and check with data from the RLWD. Oakes will check into monitoring data with MPCA staff. Houston will update with information from other sources.

Page 113 Protection/Restoration. This assessment identifies the degrees of impairments. The maps and data show the assessment they developed. **Homework:** group review and provide written comment prior to January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Agenda item 9: Measurable Goals:

Page 152 does this structure make sense and should we keep moving with it. **Homework: Comments by January 29<sup>th</sup>**. Protection and restoration is included in the goals. These goals are written so they can be measurable. Consensus that the structure makes sense, move forward the document, they will tie the issues into this. Comments on structure of this by January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Agenda Item 10: Implementation Programs: **Planning Work Group Homework** provide a list of capital improvement projects, and need documentation of rules, ordinances, and statutes. Need for documentation the plan. Houston will start drafting out the text portion of this.

Brian Dwight-Zonation: When will the Planning Group meet to start the zonation process? That process should start before we get too far down the road. **Action** item talk to Paul Radomski prior to next meeting to get an idea where we are going with Zonation. Peter Nelson was volunteered to work with Radomski.

Marchand - Conceptual Planning goals send excel document.

Agenda Item 11: What do we do with our stickers now that we have them. We have the public input, identify the priority issues this group wants to work on. Bring those issues to February meeting. Houston will tally up the inputs and work with the Planning Group on how to rank them. Consensus to bring to the next meeting. Kessler would like this committee to make a decision at the next meeting, so that in March the Policy Committee could make a policy of it. Jordan Young requested that the tally information get sent out. Kessler will get the tally summary information out.