

Thief River 1W1P

Planning Group/Advisory Committee/Policy Committee

March 14, 2018 - Meeting Notes

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

Planning Group: Myron Jesme, Corey Hanson, Bryan Malone, Matt Jacobson, Tony Nordby, Peter Nelson, Zack Gutknecht, Josh Johnston and Drew Kessler (via phone).

Advisory Committee: Mike Drangsvet, Jeff Franson, Kevin Sanders, Mike Flaagan, Loiell Dyrud, Randy McMillian, Steven Holte, Ray Benson, Brian Dwight, Denise Oakes, Stephani Klamm, Henry VanOffelen, Brian Dwight.

Members of the Policy Committee (PC), Planning Group (PG) and Advisory Committee (AC) participated in a Building Trust Workshop presented by Jody Horntvedt.

Peter Nelson stated that input was received, inserted into a table and presented at the February meeting for the Priority Issues. Tier A is the highest priority projects where projects will be implemented first. Cut off was 70% priority range. Tier B fell into the 40-70% range, where there are priorities and have measurable goals. Tier C fall below the 40% ranking and will not have measurable goals. All issues will have actions. The PG sent out notice to the PC and AC showing justification why rankings were moved to different prioritization. Some changes were made due to water quality monitoring and impairments. The final list of issues is organized into tiers starts on Page 19. **The PC and AC have until March 23, 2018 to review the table and make recommended changes. Comments are to be submitted to Peter Nelson.** Today's decision would be to recommend the Priority Issues to the Policy Committee.

Nelson reviewed the issues that were moved down in ranking (highlighted in gray starting on Page 2 of the handout).

- 1.1.1 Action to raise awareness to programs for groundwater.
- 4.1.3 Justification thru this planning process, we are getting input thru the PC, AC, agency input etc. went from an A to B
- 4.1.4 Moved from an A to C. There is a lot in that issue statement. PG is not sure how to tackle that issue and hard to understand the entire content. There are other output agencies that overlap this issue. Hard issue to determine
- 3.1.1 Major dams-Thief River dam, Thief Lake, Agassiz not likely to be changed in the next 10 years, this is why they moved from B to C. Brian Dwight discussed identifying that the plan could address the management of Thief Lake with the inclusion of fish passage. This item will have an action assigned to it. We have no control over this issue, therefore ranking it high would not make sense. Identify it as an issue. Action item for this issue to work with the DNR on fish passage. Henry VanOffelen does not feel we know the entire

story to say that. **Recommendation to have a representative to come in from Thief Lake to discuss the operation.** Zach Gutknecht recommended leave it ranked to what the public input meeting identified until more information is received. **Recommendation to leave it as a B.**

3.2.2 Moved from a b to a c. Focused on the lack of known noxious weeds.

5.1.3 Moved from B to C. Grygla and Goodridge only communities with waste water facilities. Not regulated by local agencies, MPCA regulates.

5.2.5 Moved from B to C. Lack of public access to quality outdoor recreation experiences was moved due to the lack of locations that have been identified as places that need improved access.

Brian Dwight questioned why items can't stay at an A as a high priority even if they don't cost us any money. Myron Jesme stated that this is a guide for the next 10 years to give LGU's a guide to what is important. Dwight recommended adding definitions. In Section 2 it gives a definition of rankings on page 19. Language needs to be consistent.

It was the consensus of the group that if you miss a meeting, comments should be submitted prior to the Advisory Committee and they will be presented. **Recommendation having the Advisory Committee meetings first, followed by the Policy Committee.**

It was stated that adjustments can still be made within the draft plan.

Consensus to move forward with the draft version of the Priority Issues to the policy committee.

Section 2: Matt Jacobson – Submit comments to Peter Nelson by March 23.

Section 2 is a listing of priority issues, how they were prioritized, the ranking process and the ranks. Also included in Section 2 which was already approved by PC is the Emerging Issues. Final item in Section 2 is a set of maps that were approved by the PC and they are essentially using public data sets of the best public data to these issues. There is a map for each resource category and each map has publicly available spatial data. **Homework: Read it over starts on page 13.**

Section 2.2 page 19, blue box that won't be in the final report. Paragraph in red that explains the prioritization process and the AC/PG rational for adjusting rankings and where it will be found in the plan. **AC should review this to understand it. Submit comments to Peter Nelson by March 23.**

Protection and Restoration Maps: Corey Hanson stated that they received 14 comments, with revisions made to the maps. Hanson organized a table to summarize it with the addition of a narrative. Review of this will be along with Section 3. Hanson has included files of the maps on the website.

Henry VanOffelen presented a Tile Drainage and Water Quantity/Quality presentation.