

Thief River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Policy Committee
February 14, 2018
9:00 a.m.

The Policy Committee was convened by Chairman Neil Peterson at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Planning Work Group and Advisory Committee meeting. The following Policy Committee members (or their alternates) and Local Governmental Unit staff was present:

Policy Committee:

Neil Peterson, Pennington County-D	Ray Hendrickson, Beltrami SWCD-D
Wally Byklum, Beltrami County-A	Tim Sumner, Beltrami County-D
Gary Kiesow, Marshall County-D	Grant Nelson, Penn. SWCD-D
Brad Berg, Marshall SWCD-D	Don Jensen, Pennington County-A

Local Governmental Unit Staff:

Matt Fischer, BWSR	Darren Carlson, Marshall SWCD
Bryan Malone, Penn. SWCD	Myron Jesme, RLWD
Peter Nelson, Penn. SWCD	

The Policy Committee reviewed the agenda. Gary Kiesow requested the appointment of an Advisory Committee Member to be added to the agenda. Motion by Grant Nelson, seconded by Ray Hendrickson, to approve the agenda with the addition of an additional Advisory Committee Member to the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Kiesow, seconded by Grant Nelson, to approve the January 10, 2018 Policy Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Myron Jesme shared the Financial Report as of January 31, 2018. Jesme stated that the grant balance as of January 31, 2018 was \$161,303.61, with payables in the amount of \$30,287.33. Jesme reviewed the adjustment of fees for reimbursement. Matt Fischer explained the grant reimbursement process. Motion by Grant Nelson, seconded by Ray Hendrickson, to approve the Financial Report as of January 31, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Gary Kiesow requested the addition of Darrold Rodahl on the Citizen Advisory Committee to represent Marshall County. Discussion was held on the Memorandum of Agreement and how it relates to the appointment of Citizen Advisory Committee members representing each Local Governmental Unit. Motion by Gary Kiesow, seconded by Time Sumner, to appoint Darrold Rodahl on the Citizen Advisory Committee representing Marshall County. Motion carried.

Drew Kessler, Houston Engineering, Inc., introduced the Governance Structure that was developed by the Planning Work Group. Kessler explained that through the planning process, the Governance Structure will state how the plan will move forward. Kessler stated that the Policy Committee may want to consider potential legal expertise to give third-party advice on government structures. Matt Fischer stated that there is funding for additional training, recommending having Jody Horntvedt present a two-hour training session on Building Trust.

Fischer stated that MCIT is a good resource that the Policy Committee has access to discuss the benefits pros/cons of different types of structure to look at, as the 1W1P process moves forward. Grant Nelson recommended contracting with Horntvedt to present the Building Trust session. It was the consensus of the Policy Committee to authorize the Planning Work Group to work with Horntvedt to present the Building Trust training.

The Policy Committee reviewed the Land and Water Resources Inventory. Drew Kessler stated that the Land and Water Resources Inventory will be included in an appendix of the plan, that describes the current knowledge of what is in the Thief River Watershed. Motion by Gary Kiesow, seconded by Grant Nelson, to approve the Land and Water Resources Inventory as presented. Motion carried.

The Policy Committee reviewed the Resource Concerns and Issues Maps. Drew Kessler stated that the Resource Concerns and Issues Maps will be included in Section 2. Discussion was held on final approval Section 2 and if changes can be made. Kessler indicated that Section 2 will be presented for an additional review prior to insertion into the plan, followed by a complete review of the final plan. Matt Fischer stated that the Advisory Committee will review Section 2 after completion of the Policy Committee meeting. Kessler stated that the maps include data sources that the public has access to, but this is not part of the zonation. Discussion was held on Zonation, and how that come's into play. Peter Nelson stated that once we finalize the Prioritization Matrix, we will use that for input to Zonation. Zonation and PTMAApp are two different tools, which will target what actions will take place. Motion by Brad Berg, seconded by Ray Hendrickson, to approve the Resource Concerns and Issues Maps to be included in Section 2 of the Plan. Motion carried.

Drew Kessler reviewed the Emerging Concerns with the Policy Committee. Kessler stated the Emerging Concerns is a description of emerging issues that may not be dealt with directly in the plan but could be addressed in the future. Emerging Concerns will be included in Section 2 of the plan. Previous comments and corrections by the Policy Committee, Citizen Advisory Committee and Planning Work Group have been incorporated into the Emerging Concerns. Discussion was held on understanding all the information as presented and concerns of landowners losing control. Bryan Malone expressed that this plan comes up with a list of projects that are important to the area and will help to receive funding to implement these projects. The 1W1P process gathers the stakeholders to receive ideas of what is important to everyone. Motion by Tim Sumner, seconded by Grant Nelson, to approve the Emerging Concerns, to be included in Section 2 of the Plan. Motion carried.

Grant Nelson suggested presentation of the timeline and how the 1W1P revolved. Further suggesting, to bring it to small bullet points so people understand the process. Where it started, and where it is going.

Gary Kiesow asked how the 1W1P process was put together at the Local Governmental Round Table and who was there representing the counties. Myron Jesme responded that the roundtable originated from a 2011 meeting in St. Cloud which consisted of over 350 people representing Minnesota Counties, Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts and Minnesota Association

of Soil Conservation Districts. As a result of this meeting, each entity designated four individuals from each group to sit on what is now the Local Governmental Roundtable.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on March 14, 2018 at the Red Lake Watershed District office.

Motion by Brad Berg, seconded by Ray Hendrickson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Brady Berg, Secretary