

**Thief River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Policy Committee**  
**January 10, 2018**  
**11:00 a.m.**

The Policy Committee was convened by Chairman Neil Peterson at 11:00 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	LeRoy Ose, RLWD-D
Gary Kiesow, Marshall County-D	Grant Nelson, Penn. SWCD-D
Brad Berg, Marshall SWCD-D	Rolland Miller, Marshall County-A

Local Governmental Unit Staff:

Matt Fischer, BWSR	Darren Carlson, Marshall SWCD
Bryan Malone, Penn. SWCD	Myron Jesme, RLWD
Josh Johnston, Marshall County	Zach Gutknecht, Beltrami SWCD

The Policy Committee reviewed the agenda. Motion by Gary Kiesow, seconded by LeRoy Ose, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Wally Byklum, seconded by Grant Nelson, to approve the December 13, 2017 Policy Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Myron Jesme shared the Financial Report as of December 31, 2017. Jesme stated that the grant balance as of December 31, 2017 was \$191,590.94, with payables in the amount of \$14,709.63. Motion by Grant Nelson, seconded by Ray Hendrickson, to approve the Financial Report as of December 31, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

The next Thief River 1W1P Policy Committee meeting will be held February 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. at the RLWD office.

Paul Radomski, MnDNR appeared before the Policy Committee to discuss the potential of completing Zonation within the Thief River watershed. Radomski stated that Zonation will identify hot spots to take a pro-active action to help local governmental units completing zoning, which would help identify areas that may have value to invest money into project to protect water. The Thief River 1W1P would own the completed product. Radomski stated that Zonation is a GIS model, which helps with the math. Information that is put into model comes from concerns identified by the public through meetings such as this. Completion of Zonation is a four-step process: 1) what are the objectives; 2) set weights on each conservation issue; 3) run the model; 4) synthesis. The first two steps have been completed. The model would look at every 100'x100' piece of land to determine if it's worth completing a project. Hot spot analysis will be completed, which will determine priority areas. Drew Kessler stated that Zonation would point the PTMApp to what it should look at, which could give greater precision. There would be no costs to the Thief River 1W1P, as the MnDNR receives funds through the Clean Water

Legacy Funds to complete Zonation. Motion by Grant Nelson, seconded by LeRoy Ose, to approve the completion of Zonation in the Thief River watershed by the MnDNR to for the Thief River 1W1P. Motion carried.

Motion by Grant Nelson, seconded by LeRoy Ose, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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Brad Berg, Secretary