

Thief River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Policy Committee
November 7, 2019
9:00 a.m.

The Policy Committee was convened by Chairman Neil Peterson at 9:00 a.m. The following Policy Committee members (or their alternates) and Local Governmental Unit staff was present:

Policy Committee:

Wally Byklum, Beltrami County-A
LeRoy Ose, RLWD-D
Neil Peterson, Pennington County-D
Tim Sumner, Beltrami County-D

Brad Berg, Marshall SWCD-D
Gary Kiesow, Marshall County-D
Ray Hendrickson, Beltrami SWCD-D

Local Governmental Unit Staff:

Myron Jesme, RLWD
Matt Fischer, BWSR
Darren Carlson, Marshall SWCD
Zack Gutknecht, Beltrami SWCD

Josh Johnston, Marshall County
Peter Nelson, Penn. SWCD
Bryan Malone, Penn. SWCD

Motion by LeRoy Ose, seconded by Ray Hendrickson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Kiesow, seconded by Wally Byklum, to approve the May 3, 2019 Policy Committee meetings minutes and the July 31, 2019 Policy Committee meetings minutes. Motion carried.

Arlene Novak, RLWD, reviewed the Financial Report as of October 31, 2019. Motion by LeRoy Ose, seconded by Gary Kiesow, to approve the Financial Report as of October 31, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Drew Kessler, Houston Engineering, Inc., reviewed the comments received on the draft report during the 60-day comment period. Kessler stated that minor edits made today will go to the public hearing, with final revisions to the plan made at the final hearing. Motion by Gary Kiesow, seconded by LeRoy Ose, to approve the revisions to the plan as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion by LeRoy Ose, seconded by Tim Sumner, and passed by unanimous vote, to schedule the Public Hearing for the Thief River 1W1P for December 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office, at 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN.

Matt Fischer stated that during the hearing process, revisions to the draft plan may be recommended, with the Policy Committee approving revisions to the plan if they agree with the recommendations. Once the revisions are made, each Local Governmental Unit (LGU) Board would need to approve the revisions, to move forward to the BWSR approval process.

Matt Fischer stated that the BWSR Board did approve the Watershed-based Implementation program at their September meeting and there is approximately \$530,000 waiting for the group once the plan is completed.

Peter Nelson stated that the Memorandum of Agreement will need to be approved by each LGU.

Motion by LeRoy Ose, seconded by Gary Kiesow, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Brad Berg, Secretary