

Thief River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Policy Committee
December 13, 2017
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	LeRoy Ose, RLWD-D
Gary Kiesow, Marshall County-D	Grant Nelson, Penn. SWCD-D
Brad Berg, Marshall SWCD-D	

Local Governmental Unit Staff:

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

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

Motion by Gary Kiesow, seconded by Grant Nelson, to approve the November 8, 2017 Policy Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Myron Jesme reviewed the Financial Report as of November 30, 2017. Jesme stated that the grant balance as of November 30, 2017 was \$206,300.57, with payables in the amount of \$26,771.83. Motion by Gary Kiesow, seconded by LeRoy Ose, to approve the Financial Report as of November 30, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

The Policy Committee reviewed the Issues Matrix that was developed as the outcome of the November 8, 2017 Planning Group/Advisory Group/ Policy Committee meeting. Discussion was held on consensus amongst the Advisory Committee. Peter Nelson stated that Houston Engineering, Inc. introduces information to the Planning Group, which is then taken to the Advisory Committee/Policy Committee several times, prior to being presented to the Policy Committee for approval. Drew Kessler, Houston Engineering, Inc. stated that comments made on the Issues Matrix are presented to the committees prior to changes made on the Issues Matrix. Motion by Grant Nelson, seconded by Ray Hendrickson to approve the Issues Matrix as presented. Motion carried.

Brian Dwight stated that the 1W1P is a complicated process if an individual does not stay engaged in the process. Dwight recommended using the first 10 minutes of the meeting set aside to clarify items of concern. Questions at any time can be directed to Myron Jesme as he is the facilitator for the Thief River 1W1P.

Drew Kessler reviewed the Resource Station information that relates to the Issues Matrix that will be displayed at the Public Meetings to be held in January. Public input on the Resource

Station will be received at the meetings. Motion by Gary Kiesow, seconded by Grant Nelson to approve the Resource Station. Motion carried.

Drew Kessler reviewed the Story Maps which gives an overview of the planning process, who is involved, issues that go into making a credible plan, how committees are formed, who is involved in the committees, the role of the general public, how the plans get pulled together, resource categories, examples how we describe issues, prioritization and measurable goals and actions that occur, etc. Motion by Ray Hendrickson, seconded by Wally Byklum, to approve the Story Maps. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Public Meeting logistics. Two Public Meetings/Open House will be held on the following dates and locations: January 9, 2018, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Joint Use Facility, in Thief River Falls, MN; January 10, 2017 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Grygla Community Center, Grygla, MN. The Planning Group will complete the advertising, flyers, social meeting and community calendars. Meals will be served at both meetings. Attendees will be required to register and will receive 10 stickers per person for public input. It was the consensus of the Policy Committee that two colors of stickers will be used; one color for the landowners and a different color for agency staff. Motion by Grant Nelson, seconded by Ray Hendrickson to approve the meeting logistics for the two Public Meetings/Open House and the use of two colors of stickers for public input; one color for the landowners and a second color for agency staff. Motion carried.

The next Policy Committee/Planning Group/Advisory Committee meeting will be held on January 10, 2018 at 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Grygla Community Center following the Public Meeting/Open House.

Motion by LeRoy Ose, seconded by Wally Byklum to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Brad Berg, Secretary