

One Watershed, One Plan: Minnesota River – Mankato

STEERING TEAM MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2024

The One Watershed, One Plan: Minnesota River – Mankato Steering Team met at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at the St. Peter Community Center: St. Peter Room #217. Present at the meeting for Blue Earth County: Scott Salsbury; Blue Earth SWCD: Jerad Bach; City of Lake Crystal: Angela Grafstrom; City of St. Peter: Curtis Thompson; Le Sueur County: Holly Bushman; Nicollet County: Kenny Famakinwa; Nicollet SWCD: Blake Honetschlager & Mackenzie Bratsch; Houston Engineering: Drew Kessler, and BWSR: Jeremy Maul.

Contract Updates

- Approved by the County Board on June 25
- Total 36 meetings
 - Combination of in-person and virtual
- Group confirmed that HSPF SAMS will be used with available GIS data to satisfy targeting requirements

Public Meetings

- Tuesday, July 23rd. Nicollet Conservation Club
- Tuesday, July 30th. Land of Memories – Floyd Robert, Jr. Pavilion
 - Group discussed that we will defer to city of Mankato Staff for confirming availability and adjusting plans if needed. If a venue change happens, a sign will be posted at the sight with access to the digital survey.
- Logistics
 - 5 to 7PM
 - Steering Team does welcome (1-3 min)
 - HEI led overview of plan process (10 min).
 - Resource Station Engagement
 - Station 1 -Surface Water Quality
 - Station 2 - Drinking water & Groundwater
 - Groundwater –
 - 1. Sensitivity and source water separate from wells
 - 2. Fall restrictions for N on private wells
 - Station 3 - Flood Damage Reduction and Hydrology-
 - Station 4 - Land Use and Habitat
 - See Table below for staff sign up
 - Survey and invite to Eat
 - Open house, leave when ready once food is served
 - DUE Outs for Prep
 - HEI Prep list
 - Draft Maps and Survey ASAP for Steering Review (Goal July 12th)
 - Print Maps
 - Print survey QR hard copies

- Post it notes
- Slide deck with looping option
- Sign in sheet
- Project, Laptop, extension cord, & screen
- Steering Team Prep List
 - Food
 - Event set up and break down
 - Backup Screen
 - Money vote system for each resource station (e.g., poker chips or fake cash in container people can see)
 - Venue confirmation
 - Public communication on event
 - Fill in name tags and sharpies
- Advisory & citizen group membership
 - Narrow down in August
 - Don't want a big group, constructive participants
 - Public periods for noisy actors
 - HEI will bring suggestions forward for structure to engage at August Steering meeting.
- Food estimates
 - Reduce condiments add sandwiches
- Setup & event cleanup volunteer sign-up sheets
 - Kenny circulating finalized list
- Tasks
 - Sticky dots, post it notes, money vote (visual marbles/glass jars, poker chips) – local due outs. Loop slides. Sign in sheets. Fill in name tags.

Schedule Next Meeting

- Steering Team Wednesday, July 24
 - Kenny circulating a poll to move a week early with an agenda focused on final public kickoff preparation
- Policy Committee Monday, July 8
 - Will hold to get PC sign off on public kickoff plans, HEI likely virtual

Resource Categories Sign up

	July 30 (Mankato Area)		July 23 (Nicollet Area)	
Station	Steering	Data Expert	Steering	Data Expert
Surface Water Quality	Jared Bach	MPCA		MPCA
Drinking Water & Groundwater	City of Mankato/ Scott Salsbury	MDH	City of St Peter (Curtis Thompson)	MDH
Flood Damage Reduction and Hydrology				
Land Use and Habitat				