



Minnesota River – Mankato 1W1P

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 28, 2024 • 9:30 – 11:30 AM

Meeting Location

Nicollet County Courthouse
EOC Conference Center Room
St. Peter, MN 56082

Names of Partners

Present at the meeting for Blue Earth County: Scott Salisbury; Blue Earth SWCD: Jerad Bach; City of Lake Crystal: Angela Grafstrom; Le Sueur SWCD: Mike Schultz & Kourtney Spitzack; Le Sueur County: Holly Bushman; City of North Mankato: Luke Arnold; Nicollet County: Kenny Famakinwa & Crystal Madden; Nicollet SWCD: Blake Honetschlager & Mackenzie Bratsch; Houston Engineering: Drew Kessler, and BWSR: Jeremy Maul.

Meeting Notes

Style guide and logo

- Make house smaller
- Colors are good, but blue on watershed may be too light in color. Please darken or provide contrast
- Sun is a bit drowned out on screen, consider flipping trees/house and corn
- Adjust sizes to be a bit more proportional on houses and corn/trees
- Light blue subheading needs distinction from other headings (same for all headings)
- Outcome on logo:
 - Send 2 to 3 options for next meeting. Send digital version of style guide

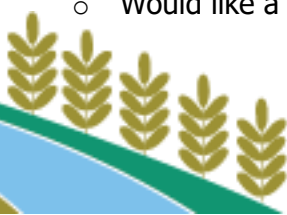
Public kickoff meeting

- Add percentages data to pie charts
- Surprise on ranking in bar chart compared to word visual. Particularly around flooding
- Some very pointed comments at meeting due to lack of progress towards WQ improvements
 - Be clear on issues, and achievable goals

Land and Water Resources Narrative

Review Cycle

- Would like a sharepoint site comment/edit sharing (probably google drive)



- Blake will develop google drive for testing
- HEI will develop Microsoft base site for testing
- HEI will begin using comment/response table for internal review cycles

Comments:

- Historical landuse – clarify what the original land use data was. Prefer to label under figurer
- Punchy start that gives an overview of the plan section (something like bullets)
 - Each chapter/section has a This section contains and bullets
- Something in style guide to differentiated subsections
- Figure 2-3 – make bigger and add percentages
 - Use same color pallets for consistent land covers
 - Prairie and wet prairie were combined (make separate or call out)
- Maps need to be bigger, likely landscape maybe full page
- Table 2-1 in text reference might be missing. (bold in text references)
- Page numbers on drafts
- Under soils section, “soils are youngest in county”
- Figure 2-2 – grammatical error under figure on big woods in east of Mankato,
- Agriculture is very small. Need more information on agriculture such as feedlots. Shifts from Dairy to other livestock.
- Table 2-1 Crystal listed twice
- In land use section – add some text about drainage (sub header under land us).
- Stormwater call urban stormwater
- End of Hydrology section, Check stats in last sentence. Look at newer WRAPS.
- MS4s some are missing. Scott sending list
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Draft Plan Issues

- Pull out sediment/TSS as stand alone issue under WQ.
 - Connect to near-channel erosion (remove that issue)
 - Remove Erosion from soil health
- Altered hydrology as an issue
 - Flooding, Loss of water storage, drainage, precip, flows fvoulmes
 - Precip – separate
 - Add text around infrastructure and other impacts
- Soil Health drop erosion from issue.
- Drop Drainage Systems
- Invasives to land us and habitat
- Riparian and Shoreline Areas (not vegetation)

Advisory Committee

- From Materials packet
 - State Agency Reps (TBD, list each)
 - Dan Coffman

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- Mike Roll
 - Chuck Brandel
 - Scott Sparlin
 - Fred Froehlich
 - Sibley SWCD/County
 - Send to PC for Approval
 - HEI draft table structure of list
 - Share with PC for discussion at next PC meeting

Action Items and Next Steps

- Policy Committee Meeting
 - Update on public meeting results, progress on planning, Advisory committee
 - Next Steering Team meeting (September)
 - Finalize issues and prioritize (HEI will do initial ranks)
 - Decide on Land and Water Resource Narrative
 - Set a schedule for Advisory Committee
 - Set a schedule for
 - Goals
 - Actions
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