

Minnesota River – Mankato 1W1P

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 25, 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 Salsbury; Blue Earth SWCD: Jerad Bach; City of Lake Crystal: Angela Grafstrom; City of Saint Peter: Curtis Thompson; City of Mankato: Jeff Johnson; City of North Mankato: Luke Arnold and Chelsea Baker; 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

- Logo
 - From .pdf of logos, Use C, make house smaller. Use sun and river color from B.
- Advisory
 - Steering committee committed to preparing a list of 2-3 additional recommendations that can represent agriculture and sending to Drew (dkessler@houstoneng.com) by October 4th. This will be added to existing list for approval
 - Steering committee committed to reaching out to advisory members on the existing list to provide tentative notice of selection and pencil in 1st Advisory meeting.

Land and Water Resources Narrative

- Icon on page one top of page 1 looked strange, remove.
- Last sentence on Page 2-6, combine into one sentence (sentence that runs onto page 2-7).

Plan Issues and Priority Issues

- Two minor modifications were proposed during the meeting. Approved with modifications captured during meeting for PC on October 14th.

Plan Section: Priority Issues

- Use sample planning region map 3 from the meeting materials. Keep the four total planning regions, but make modifications so that one of the four planning regions represents the areas along the MN River Corridor.

Next Steps: Geospatial Prioritization and Goals

- HEI approved to proceed. This includes generating a draft list of data to develop hotspot maps for geographic prioritization of goals.

Action Items and Next Steps

- Policy Committee Meeting
 - **Agenda**
 - Advisory Committee
 - Approve the Issues Ranking
 - Land and Water Resources Narrative
- Next Steering Team meeting (Oct. 23)
- Nov. Steering/Advisory moved to Nov. 22nd from 9AM to 1PM
- December Steering meeting moved to December 18 from 9AM to noon