

One Watershed, One Plan: Minnesota River – Mankato
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2024

The One Watershed, One Plan: Minnesota River – Mankato Policy Committee met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024 at the St. Peter Community Center Senior Center Room #217. Present at the in-person meeting: Blue Earth County - Kevin Paap, City of Mankato – Mike Laven, *Vice Chair*; City of North Mankato – Scott Carlson; City of Saint Peter – Darrell Pettis; Le Sueur County – Steven Roling, *Secretary*; Le Sueur SWCD – Earle Traxler; Nicollet County – Marie Dranttel, *Chair*; Nicollet SWCD – Don Hermanson; Facilitator: Kenny Famakinwa- Nicollet County; and Drew Kessler - Houston Engineering.

Steering Team members present: Mackenzie; Nicollet SWCD, City of North Mankato – Luke Arnold; Steering Team members present virtually: Blue Earth County – Scott Salsbury, as well as Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) – Jeremy Maul.

Approval Agenda

A motion was made by Paap and seconded by Vice Chair Laven to approve the meeting agenda. All voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Traxler and seconded by Hermanson to approve the April 8, 2024 meeting minutes. All voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

Contract Update

Famakinwa provided an update on the approval and structure of HEI's contract.

Public Kickoff Meeting

- Tuesday, July 23rd. Nicollet conservation Club
- Tuesday, July 30th. Land of Memories – Floyd Robert, Jr. Pavilion
 - Kenny mentioned that Land of Memories Park might not be available on July 30th due to flooding issues and recommended Minnesota Square Park as an alternative. The Policy Committee (PC) agreed and strongly suggested making a reservation for the alternate location as soon as possible.
- Discussion: Logistics & Survey
 - Kessler provided an overview of the structure and activities for the Public Kickoff Meeting. Included examples of the survey and resource stations
 - Discussed having information available to support attendees that may arrive late
 - Discussed the marketing of the event. PC provided feedback that they like the idea of websites and social media posts to drive interest
 - Request to try to make the survey available digitally at the kickoff meetings if possible (on a Chromebook or laptop)
 - Famakinwa asked the board if it would be acceptable to approve the survey as soon as HEI provides it, since it will be available before the next PC meeting. The PC committee gave Famakinwa the go-ahead to approve it.
- Discussion around updates on budget and deliverable progress.

- HEI specified that they could provide PC summary updates on budget and pace of progress towards deliverables

Schedule Next Meeting

Famakinwa and Dranttel, the Chair, asked the PC if they would be okay with having some meetings virtually if there is nothing on the agenda requiring an in-person vote or approval. The PC agreed with the suggestion and are open to future online meetings.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Dranttel, Chair at 3:40 p.m.

Marie Dranttel

Marie Dranttel, Policy Committee Chair
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Date