



Minnesota River – Mankato 1W1P

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2024 • 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Meeting Location

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

Attendance: City of Mankato – Mike Laven, *Vice Chair*; City of Saint Peter – Darrell Pettis; Nicollet County – Marie Dranttel, *Chair*; Nicollet SWCD – Don Hermanson; City of Lake Crystal – Gina Cooper; Facilitator: Kenny Famakinwa- Nicollet County & Drew Kessler - Houston Engineering

Steering Team members present: Mackenzie Bratsch; Nicollet SWCD; Blue Earth County – Scott Salisbury; City of Saint Peter – Curtis Thompson; Le Sueur SWCD – Mike Schultz; as well as Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) – Jeremy Maul.

1. Welcome and Business Items
 - a. Approve Agenda and Minutes
 - i. Motion – Darrell Pettis, Second – Don Hermanson
 - ii. In favor – Unanimous
 - b. Approve Financials
 - i. Motion – Mike Laven, Second - Don Hermanson
 - ii. In favor – Unanimous
2. Public Kickoff Meeting
 - a. Drew Kessler provided an overview of the summary results provided in the Board Packet. A brief discussion followed
3. Status Update on Plan Progress
 - a. Drew Kessler provided an update on plan progress for the Land and Water Resources Narrative plan section and ongoing efforts to finalize and prioritize a list of issues for the plan. Drew recommended that the Policy Committee should





be ready to review the Land and Water Resources Narrative at their October meeting.

4. Advisory Committee

- a. Drew Kessler provided an overview of the draft advisory committee from the steering committee along with a plan on how the steering committee intends to engage the advisory committee. There was discussion around the need for broader expertise on the advisory committee particularly for agriculture. Kessler specified that the steering committee may plan to invite focus groups with particular expertise during different portions of the plan development process in addition to the role of advisory committee members.
- b. The Policy Committee requested that the steering committee add two to three additional members to the advisory committee with a focus on members who could represent agricultural expertise across the area of the watershed. The Policy Committee requested that the updated list be ready for the October Policy Committee meeting.

5. Action Items and Next Steps

- a. Meeting Adjourned



Marie Dranttel, Policy Committee Chair

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