Minutes
Policy Committee Meeting
May 3rd, 2017
Rice County Government Services Building
320 Third St NW, Faribault, MN 55021

Policy Committee Members: Brad Anderson (Goodhue County), Jeff Beckman (Goodhue SWCD), Richard Cook (Rice SWCD), Rick Gnemi (Steele County), Cletus Gregor (Le Sueur SWCD), Jayne Hager Dee (Dakota SWCD), Dan Hansen (Steele SWCD), James Hedeen (Belle Creek WD), Carrie Jennings (North Cannon River WMO), Dan Kuhns (Waseca County), Galen Malecha (Rice County), Steven Rohlfing (Le Sueur County), Mike Slavik (Dakota County).

Also in Attendance: Brad Becker (Dakota County staff), Brad Behrens (Rice County staff), Ashley Gallagher (Dakota SWCD staff), Eric Gulbransen (Steele/Waseca SWCD staff), Brian Harguth (Waseca County-Alternate to Policy Committee), Kelly Hunt (Waseca County staff), Beau Kennedy (Goodhue SWCD staff), Josh Mankowski (Le Sueur County staff), Jenny Mocol-Johnson (BWSR), Steve Pahs (Rice SWCD staff), Mike Schultz (Le Sueur SWCD staff), Brian Watson (Dakota SWCD staff), Camilla Correll (EOR), Meghan Funke (EOR), Jason Naber (EOR).

1. Call to Order
   Chair Rohlfing called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

2. Approval of Agenda
   Motion by Jennings, second by Gnemi to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes
   Motion by Anderson, second by Hansen to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2017 Policy Committee meeting. Motion carried.

4. Contract with Selected Consultant
   The three primary staff from EOR that would be working the Cannon River 1W1P introduced themselves; Camilla Correll, Meghan Funke and Jason Naber. EOR is a small firm that focuses primarily on water, ecology and community. Their work is primarily with watershed districts and watershed management organizations, and they recently completed the North Shore 1W1P. Their goal for the Cannon River 1W1P would be to synthesis the large amount of data that is available, facilitate input and develop prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation...
strategies. Watson reviewed the Request for Board Action (RBA) and that EOR ranked the highest in both the screening process and interviews.

Motion by Hedeen, second by Anderson to award and execute contract with Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. for facilitating input and writing of watershed plan. Motion carried.

5. Update on Advisory Committee
   The stakeholder list was reviewed. Planning work group has assembled this list but is looking for more input. It was suggested that the following be added: parks and trails groups, port authorities (Red Wing), businesses along the river, outfitters (Welch, Cannon Falls, Dundas), and Cannon Valley bike trail. This list is fluid and will likely be added to throughout the planning process.

6. Update on Kick-Off meeting
   Meeting space at South Central College in Faribault has been reserved for the evening of May 31st. The concept will be informal, with stations that allows for participants to move around gather information, and provide input in a variety of ways. The Planning Work Group will now begin to work with the EOR to plan and coordinate details. The Policy Committee would like to have a reminder email on the event.

7. Presentations from County/SWCD
   Staff from each County and SWCD presented 3 slides on their portion of the watershed.

8. Next meeting
   Scheduled for August 2nd, 9am at the same location, Rice County Government Services Building. Primary items will be invoices and updates on planning. Policy Committee would like email updates for months when they do not meet.

9. Adjourn

   Motion by Kuhns, second by Gnemi to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Galen Malecha

Galen Malecha, Secretary
Cannon River Watershed 1W1 Policy Committee