

Rainy Headwaters- Vermilion River One Watershed, One Plan	Policy Committee Minutes	Date: July 1, 2022
		Time: 10 am- 12pm
		Location: Fall Lake Township Town Hall 393 Kawishiwi Trail Ely, MN

Policy Committee Attendees:	Chuck Bainter (North St. Louis SWCD), Beth Hippert (Lake SWCD), Paul McDonald (St. Louis County), Ann Sullivan (Cook County), Rich Sve (Lake County), Stan Tull (Cook SWCD)
Other Attendees:	Jeff Hrubes (MN BWSR), Erin Loeffler (MN BWSR), Becca Reiss (North St. Louis SWCD), and Tara Solem (Lake SWCD). Ilena Hansel (Cook SWCD), Amy Mustonen (MPCA), and Moriya Rufer (Houston Engineering) attended virtually.

Agenda Items

Topic	Purpose	Presenter	Time allotted
Review and approval of agenda and minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion- Tull, Support- Bainter to adopt agenda and accept minutes as written. None oppose. Motion carried. 	Motion		10 min
Presentation on the Rainy River Headwaters/Vermilion River Watersheds and the WRAPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mustonen presented on the MPCA Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies for the RRHW and VR Watersheds. 	Informative	Amy	30 min
Update on consultants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rufer presented on her background, Houston Engineering, and her experience writing plans and with the RRHW and VR Watersheds. Reiss shared that a contract is in place with Mitch Brinks to begin work on the Landscape Stewardship Plan. 	Informative	Becca/Moriya	15 min
Stakeholder Letter Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion- Sullivan, Support- McDonald for the policy committee to review the stakeholder letter to be sent on July 6th amended to reflect desired changes and the list of individual contacts by July 5th at 12 pm. None oppose. Motion carried. 	Motion	Becca	15 min
Kickoff Event Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hansel shared plans to hold 3 kickoff meetings to reach stakeholders across the watersheds. Format will be a presentation/dinner/interactive voting format. 	Discussion	Ilena	15 min

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thursday August 11 in Orr ○ Tuesday, August 16 at the Seagull Community Center ○ Thursday, August 18 in Ely 			
<p>Kickoff Survey Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solem shared purpose of survey questions to gather input from stakeholders. 	Discussion	Tara	15 min
<p>Next meeting location/date & Discussion on Time Commitments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No August meeting. Next meeting will be held on Friday Sept 2nd at 10 am in the Ely area. • Motion- McDonald, Support- Tull to adjourn meeting. None oppose. Motion carried. 	Motion	Tara	20 min