



Rainy Headwaters- Vermilion River 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, March 3rd, 2023		Time: 10 am - 12 pm	
Locations			
St. Louis County Government Building 320 Miners Drive Ely, MN 55731	North St. Louis SWCD 505 3rd St S, Ste A Virginia, MN 55792	Lake County SWCD 408 1st Ave Two Harbors, MN 55616	Cook County Courthouse Cook County Commissioners Rm 411 West 2 nd Street Grand Marais, MN 55604
Invitees	Chuck Bainter (North St. Louis SWCD), Beth Hippert (Lake SWCD), Paul McDonald (St. Louis County), Ann Sullivan (Cook County), Stan Tull (Cook SWCD) Absent: Rich Sve (Lake County)		
Facilitator	Becca Reiss (North St. Louis SWCD)		

Agenda Items

Topic	Purpose	Presenter
Review and approval of agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sullivan made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. McDonald gave support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bainter: Aye ○ Hippert: Aye ○ McDonald: Aye ○ Sullivan: Aye ○ Tull: Aye ○ Motion passed. 	Motion	
Review and approval of January minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes from January 6, 2023. Tull gave support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bainter: Aye ○ Hippert: Aye ○ McDonald: Aye ○ Sullivan: Aye ○ Tull: Aye ○ Motion passed. 	Motion	

<p>Plan Progress Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reiss gave a review of the plan’s progress to date and summarized the kickoff, information gathering, and prioritizing portions of the plan development. 	Information	Reiss
<p>Review Section 3: Priority Issues of the plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rufer presented a draft section of the plan: Priority Issues which included the priority issues statements that had been approved at the last meeting. The section also included Issue Lenses, Local Issues, and Emerging Concerns. All sections of the plan being written as the plan progresses will be draft until final. ● Tull made a motion to approve the draft Section 3: Priority Issues of the plan. Sullivan gave support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bainter: Aye ○ Hippert: Aye ○ McDonald: Aye ○ Sullivan: Aye ○ Tull: Aye ○ Motion passed. 	Motion	Moriya Rufer (Houston Eng)
<p>Review Prioritized Lakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rufer presented how 27 of 1,691 lakes in the planning area were prioritized for restoration, enhancement, or protection based on synthesizing available datasets and analysis. ● Tull made a motion to approve the Lake Prioritization. Sullivan gave support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bainter: Aye ○ Hippert: Aye ○ McDonald: Aye ○ Sullivan: Aye ○ Tull: Aye ○ Motion passed. 	Motion	Rufer
<p>Review Prioritized Streams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rufer presented how streams in the planning area were prioritized for restoration, enhancement, or protection based on synthesizing available datasets and analysis. ● Tull made a motion to approve the Stream Prioritization. Sullivan gave support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bainter: Aye ○ Hippert: Aye ○ McDonald: Aye ○ Sullivan: Aye ○ Tull: Aye 	Motion	Rufer

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion passed. 		
<p>Update on Landscape Stewardship Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reiss gave an update on the Landscape Stewardship Plan including sharing that the draft plan will be coming out for review shortly for those on the planning team. Reiss shared one of the tools from plan development: the RAQ online mapping application. 	Information	Rufer
<p>Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Tull gave support. None oppose. Next meeting is scheduled for April 7th, 2023, location(s) to be determined. 		