



## Rainy Headwaters- Vermilion River 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b> Friday, June 2nd, 2023		<b>Time:</b> 10 am - 12 pm
<b>Location</b>	Lower Conference Room, CC 102 Minnesota North College- Vermilion 1900 E Camp St. Ely, MN 55731	
<b>Attendees</b>	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)	
<b>Facilitator</b>	Becca Reiss (North St. Louis SWCD), Anita Provinzino (NSL SWCD)	

### Agenda Items

Topic	Purpose	Presenter
Review and approval of agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bainter made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Sullivan gave support. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> </ul>	<b>Motion</b>	
Review and approval of March minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2023. Sullivan gave support. <b>Motion Passed.</b></li> </ul>	<b>Motion</b>	
Guest Introductions & Comments	Information	
Plan Progress Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reiss gave a brief presentation on plan progress and updated timeline. Plan is now expected to be completed and up for adoption in January of 2024.</li> </ul>	Information	Becca Reiss
Presentation on Shoreland Conversion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hrubes and Radomski gave a joint presentation on Shoreland Conversion in Minnesota and how it relates to the Rainy Headwaters-Vermilion Watershed. Discussion included possible incentives programs that could be implemented to promote natural shorelines staying intact in the watershed. Recording of the presentation and discussion is available upon request.</li> </ul>	Information	Jeff Hrubes (MN BWSR) & Paul Radomski (MN DNR)
Review Draft Priority Lakes & Streams Section 4	<b>Motion</b>	Becca Reiss

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reiss and Rufer presented section 4 of the plan on Priority Lakes &amp; Streams.</li> <li>● Committee requested additional information on how to address sulfate impairments and a possible presentation on same from MPCA before approval of this section.</li> </ul>		<p style="text-align: center;">&amp; Moriya Rufer (Houston Engineering)</p>
<p>Review Draft Goals Section 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reiss and Rufer presented draft goals on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lakeshore Management</li> <li>○ Riparian Enhancement</li> <li>○ Land Protection</li> <li>○ Forest Health</li> <li>○ Connectivity</li> <li>○ Drinking water protection</li> <li>○ Stormwater</li> <li>○ Water Retention</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Some numbers set in the goals will need to be updated after feedback from the Advisory Committee on 5/30 and this committee today. The Policy Committee will review the update at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion</b></p>	<p>Becca &amp; Moriya</p>
<p>Visioning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reiss and Rufer presented a draft vision statement that had been developed through exercises with the Advisory and Policy Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i><b>From the Voyageurs Highway to Highway 1, the Rainy Headwaters – Vermilion Watershed is the international intersection of pristine water, rich species diversity, awe inspiring wilderness, and a deep-rooted culture. We work to sustain these features cherished by all peoples.</b></i></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Tull made a motion to approve the Vision Statement. Bainter gave support. <b>Motion passed.</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion</b></p>	
<p>Adjourn – Commissioner Sve adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.</p>		