



Rainy Headwaters- Vermilion River 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, August 4, 2023	Time: 10 am - 12 pm	
Locations	Lower Conference Room, CC 102 Minnesota North College- Vermilion 1900 E Camp St. Ely, MN 55731	Commissioner’s Room Cook County Courthouse 411 West 2nd St Grand Marais, MN 55604
Attendees	Chair , Ann Sullivan (Cook County,) Vice-Chair , Paul McDonald (St. Louis County), Policy Committee Member , Beth Hippert (Lake SWCD), Policy Committee Member Rich Sve (Lake County), Policy Committee Member Stan Tull (Cook SWCD), Becca Reiss, Erin Leofler, Amy Mustonen, Jeff Hrubes, Phil Norvitch, Tara Solem, Moriya Rufer, Anita Provinzino	

Agenda Items

Topic	Purpose	Presenter
Review and approval of agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting called to order at 10:03 am ● Sve made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. McDonald gave support. Motion passed. 	Motion	
Review and approval of June minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sve made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2nd, 2023. Hippert gave support. Motion passed. 	Motion	
Guest Introductions & Comments	Information	
Plan Progress Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reiss gave a short update that the plan is getting close to a full draft. 	Information	Reiss
MPCA Sulfate Impairments Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mustonen gave presentation on plans for Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to address sulfate standards ● Slides attached to these minutes 	Information	Amy Mustonen (MPCA)
Review Draft Priority Lakes & Streams- Section 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reiss & Rufer reviewed Section 4 with the Committee. ● Hippert made a motion to accept Section 4 as draft with the change of “future” to “long term future” for the Dunka River on Table 4.4 and the addition of “Property and Road Associations” to the 3rd bullet under Other Lakes and Streams on page 13. Tull gave support. Motion passed. 	Motion	Becca & Moriya Rufer (Houston Engineering)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Policy Committee appreciated the presentation on sulfate by the MPCA and requested a one page summary addressing this issue to be included with the section for review at the next Policy Meeting. 		
<p>Implementation Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hrubes presented on implementation structures that have been utilized for other Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans including collaborations and Joint Powers Boards for consideration. 	Information	Jeff Hrubes (BWSR)
<p>Review Draft Goals & Implementation- Section 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rufer and Reiss reviewed the Goals & Implementation Section with the Committee. The Implementation tables that will be included in this section were introduced. McDonald suggested a change to the 1st sentence in the 2nd paragraph of the Land Protection Goal of “Many property owners do not control the mineral rights under their property with most mineral rights controlled by the State of Minnesota.” Sve made a motion to accept the Goals Section 5 with suggested changes as draft with Implementation Tables for each goal to be approved at the next meeting. Hippert gave support. Motion passed. 	Motion	Becca & Moriya
<p>Timeline Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rufer shared potential timelines with 60 day public notice potentially beginning in October or November. Next meeting will be held September 1st in the Ely Area. 	Information	Moriya
<p>Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sve made a motion to adjourn at 12:00pm. Tull gave support. Meeting adjourned. 		