



Rainy Headwaters- Vermilion River 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting

Date: Friday, September 01, 2023	Time: 10 am - 12 pm	
Locations	Lower Conference Room CC102 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), Secretary , Chuck Bainter (North St. Louis SWCD), Policy Committee Member , Beth Hippert (Lake SWCD), Policy Committee Member , Rich Sve (Lake County), Becca Reiss, Anita Provinzino, Ilena Hansel, Tara Solem, Moriya Rufer, Aaron Fankl, Phil Norvitch, Chad Severts, Jeff Hrubes	

Agenda Items

Topic	Purpose	Presenter
Review and approval of agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. ● Sve made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Bainter gave support. Motion passed. 	Motion	
Review and approval of August minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes from August 4, 2023. Hippert gave support. Motion passed. 	Motion	
Guest Introductions & Comments	Information	
Plan Progress Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reiss gave an update that the Advisory Committee is beginning an internal review. 	Information	Becca Reiss (NSL SWCD)
Section Addition on Sulfate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rufer presented a section addition on Sulfate based on information provided by the MPCA. ● Hippert made a motion to accept the Sulfate addition to the Priority Lakes & Streams section of the plan. Sullivan gave support. None oppose. Motion passed. 	Motion	Moriya Rufer (Houston Engineering)

<p>Review Section 5 Action Tables and Fire Management Addition (Section 5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rufer and Reiss presented Action tables for review incorporated into Section 5. ● Discussion resulted in tabling a decision until the next meeting to review suggested changes to section. 	Motion	Reiss & Rufer
<p>Introduce Plan Programs Section (Section 6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rufer and Reiss gave an overview of the Plan Programs section for approval at next meeting. 	Information	Reiss & Rufer
<p>Introduce Plan Administration Section (Section 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rufer gave an overview of the Plan Administration section for approval at the next meeting. 	Information	Rufer
<p>Implementation Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provinzino gave a presentation on Considerations for Administration and Governance and differences between a Joint Powers Entity and Joint Powers Collaborative. ● Sve made a motion to pursue the Joint Power Collaborative model for implementation structure. McDonald gave support. None oppose. Motion passed. 	Motion	Anita Provinzino (NSL SWCD)
<p>Timeline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rufer presented a tentative time including public comment periods and timeframe for a public hearing (attached). ● Next meeting is scheduled for October 6th in the Ely area. 	Information	Rufer
<p>Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● McDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m. 		



Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion River 2023-2024 Timeline

Month	Meeting	Content
August	August 28: Advisory Committee	Review plan changes, Start Internal Review
September	September 1: Policy Committee	Review Actions, Programs, Admin, implementation structure
	September 12: Steering Committee	First Biennium Actions, Discuss Comments and Formal Review Prep
	September 25: Advisory Committee	Discuss Internal Review Comments
October	October 6: Policy Committee	Introduce full plan, Internal review
	October 13: Finish AC Internal Review	
	October 30: Advisory Committee	Finalize Formal Review Draft
November	November 3: Policy Committee	End Internal Review, Start 60 Day Formal Review November 7
January	January 6: End 60 Day	
February	Public Hearing	Any time after January 20
March or April	BWSR Meetings	
Spring 2024	Obtain funding and begin implementation!	