

Mississippi River Headwaters One Watershed, One Plan	Policy/Advisory Committee Meeting #10	Date: March 20, 2020
		Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
		Location: Beltrami Administration Building, 701 Minnesota Street NW, Bemidji, MN 56601

Staff Support: Zach Gutknecht

Note taker: Megan FitzGerald

Invitees:

County Commissioners and Staff: Craig Gaasvig, Dick Downham, Davin Tinquist, Ted Van Kempen, Charlene Christenson, , Brent Rud, Zach Gutknecht, Megan FitzGerald, Daniel Swenson, John Ringle, Eric Buitenwerf, Dan Hecht.

SWCD Supervisors and Staff: Del Olson, David Peterson, Marcel Noyes, Ted Lovdhal, Clearwater SWCD Supervisor, Andy Arens, Kelly Condiff, William Lee, Chester Powell.

BWSR Staff: Chad Severts Board Conservationist, Jeff Hrubes Clean Water Specialist

Pre-work: **Review: January minutes, financial update, advisory newsletter, operational arrangements**

Please bring: 1W1P binder (Policy Committee)

Agenda Items

Topic	Purpose	Presenter	Time allotted
✓ Call to Order		Craig Gaasvig, Chair	9:00am
✓ Review and Approval of Agenda	DECISION	Craig Gaasvig, Chair	5 min.
✓ Review and Approval of Minutes	DECISION	Craig Gaasvig, Chair	5 min.
✓ Financial Update	DECISION	Staff Support	15 min.
✓ Plan Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February Advisory Meeting Overview • Planning Timeline 	DISCUSSION	Staff Support	20 min.
✓ 1W1P Operational Arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued discussion on how would we like to operate as a group? 	DISCUSSION	Staff Support	60 min.
✓ Adjourn and Determine Next Meeting Date	DESCISION	Craig Gaasvig, Chair	5 min.

Attachments to agenda:

- January Minutes, pages 3-4

- Financial Summary, pages 5-6
- IFS Report, page 7
- Advisory February newsletter, page 8
- Planning Time-line, page 9
- JPC vs JPE document, page 10

Policy Committee Ground Rules and Expectations

In addition to following the requirements of the Memorandum of Agreement and bylaws, Policy Committee Members will:

1. Actively prepare for, attend, and participate in all scheduled meetings* of the Policy Committee.
2. Actively engage in the decision-making process for watershed-based planning with the understanding that goals, objectives, and action items of the water plan must be prioritized, targeted, and measureable.
3. Initiate and/or assist with providing opportunities for constituents to be appraised of updated progress of the watershed-based planning process.
4. Regularly update their respective Boards on the progress of the watershed planning process.
5. Utilize the technical resources of their respective entities to assist and inform their decisions in the water planning process.

Mississippi River Headwaters One Watershed, One Plan	Policy/Advisory Committee Meeting #9	Date: January 31, 2020
		Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
		Location: Beltrami Administration Building, 701 Minnesota Street NW, Bemidji, MN 56601

Staff Support: Zach Gutknecht

Note taker: Megan FitzGerald

Attendees

Craig Gaasvig, Beltrami County
Ted Van Kempen, Hubbard County
Dick Downham, Cass County
Jeff Hrubes, BWSR
Brielle Prokosch, Clearwater SWCD
Crystal Mathisrud, Hubbard SWCD
Dean Newland, Clearwater County

Ted Lovdahl, Itasca SWCD
David Peterson, Cass SWCD
Chad Severts, BWSR
Andy Arens, Itasca SWCD
Dean Newland, Clearwater County
Brent Rud, Beltrami County/SWCD

Agenda Items

Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mississippi River Headwaters 1W1P Policy Committee Chair Craig Gaasvig called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
Review and Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion by Ted Lovdahl to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Ted Van Kempen. Motion carried and approved.
Review and Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion by David Peterson to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2019 Policy Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Ted Van Kempen. Motion carried and approved.
Financial Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A financial update through December 2019 was provided. Craig Gaasvig asked for detail for the YTD Expenses category. Motion by Ted Lovdahl to approve staff time for December 2019. Motion seconded by Dean Newland. Motion carried and approved.
Plan Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landscape Stewardship Plan Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zach provided an overview of the Mississippi River Headwaters Landscape Stewardship Plan (LSP). The plan covers forestry-related practices and highlights the link between forestry and high water quality due to reduced runoff. Main threats to Mississippi Headwaters forests are land conversion and urbanization. The watershed is generally forested, so emphasis is on protection – 75% watershed protection is the goal. Emphasis will be placed on stacking public benefits.

- Prioritize, Target, Measure approach: The LSP prioritizes areas on a subwatershed scale, uses Riparian, Adjacency to Public Lands, and Quality rankings to target individual parcels within subwatersheds, and measures progress using the 75% protection metric.
- Two major goals of the LSP: 1. Increase forestland protection levels and 2. Promote private forest stewardship. The protection toolbox will be used for practice implementation toward these goals.
- Overview of likely costs and funding sources for implementation practices.
- Discussion on whether to include Landscape Stewardship Plan goals into MRH 1W1P. The 50/50 easement/SFIA ratio is just an estimation tool – specific implementation measures will be determined by landowner preference. Concern over inclusion of acquisitions into plan – many counties are opposed to acquisition, and inclusion in plan may prevent some counties from adopting. Any acquisition would have to be approved by County Boards. There was a general consensus to include LSP goals into the 1W1P.
- January Advisory Meeting Overview
 - Zach went over how prioritization maps were created for forestry, agriculture, and lakes. The group questioned if there were protection toolkits for agriculture and lakes like there is for forestry. Like the forestry toolkit, agriculture and lakeshed tools will be voluntary, and will depend on landowner preference and targeting root causes of low water quality (agricultural runoff, stormwater, etc.). Most practices will likely involve cost share for implementation projects.
- Website updates
 - Zach highlighted some new additions to the website including an interactive watershed map and expanded forestry section. The website will be modified as the plan progresses.

1W1P Operational Arrangements

- At the December Policy Committee meeting, Jen Wolf from MCIT provided an overview of different types of governance arrangements for 1W1P implementation. The majority of the time focused on comparing Joint Powers Collaborations and Joint Powers Entities. A summary of this conversation was included in the January agenda packet.
- Discussion of how group would like to proceed. Examples of the Thief River MOA (JPC) and Lake of the Woods JPE agreement were included for reference. Concerns for JPE included creating a new layer of government and lack of local control; pros included efficiency in decision making and reduced liability. Concerns for JPC included slowing of the implementation process and increased risk for liability; pros included more local control. The Board discussed options for creating a JPE with limitations such as not allowing the entity to hire employees, own property, or approve land acquisitions. Operational costs for the JPE such as an audit and insurance could be paid for with the implementation funding. There was a consensus to have Zach draft a summary of how the JPE would work, including limitations on authority, and send it to Board members. Members of the Board should get feedback and direction from their organizations on this potential operational agreement.

Adjourn and Determine Next Meeting Date

- The Policy Committee will not meet in February. **Motion by Ted Lovdahl to hold the next Policy Committee meeting Friday, March 20 from 9am-noon. Motion seconded by Dean Newland. Motion carried and approved.**
- **Motion by Dick Downham to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Dean Newland. Motion carried and approved.**

**2019 Mississippi River Headwaters One Watershed, One Plan Partnership
GRANT BUDGET & EXPENSES**

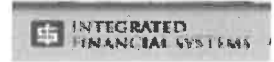
		LEAD			ESTIMATED COST			2019 EXPENSES									
Plan Development Costs		Consultants	Partnership	Total	2019 Expenses	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Remaining Funds		
Pre-Planning					Pre-Planning												
Aggregate watershed information	Partnership	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00		
Notify plan review authorities and host public kickoff meeting	Partnership	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,445.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,021.43	\$ 1,350.26	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,183.16		
Planning					Planning												
Write the land and water resources narrative	Partnership	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000	\$ 1,014.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 704.03	\$ 91.83	\$ 122.44	\$ 122.44	\$ 367.32	\$ -	\$ 6,577.52		
Identify and prioritize resources and issues	Partnership	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 28,000	\$ 633.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,998.45	\$ 1,110.25	\$ 932.61	\$ 333.08	\$ 665.44	\$ 1,554.35	\$ 754.97	\$ 20,017.47		
Establish measurable goals	Partnership	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 33,000	\$ 2,280.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 355.29	\$ 1,232.38	\$ 1,643.17	\$ 821.59	\$ 26,667.43		
Develop a targeted implementation schedule	Partnership	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 16,500	\$ 1,950.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 266.46	\$ 710.56	\$ 621.74	\$ 461.86	\$ 12,489.38		
Describe implementation programs	Partnership	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,500	\$ 304.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 488.51	\$ 13,707.47		
Determine plan administration and coordination	Partnership	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00		
Write draft plan for review	Partnership	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 24,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,100.00		
Plan Review and Submission					Plan Review and Submission												
Conduct formal review	Partnership	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000		
Write final plan and submit to BWSR	Partnership	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,150		
Other Costs					Other Costs												
Expenses: printing, travel	Partnership	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,125.73	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,874.27		
SUBTOTAL: Plan Development				\$ 184,250	\$ 155,766.70												
Administration Costs		LGU Lead	Hourly Rate	Hours	Total	Administration Costs											
Fiscal Coordination	Beltrami SWCD	50	70	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133.23	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 266.46	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,100.31		
Grant Reporting (Elink)	Beltrami SWCD	50	44	\$ 2,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,111.18		
Policy /Advisory Committee Coordination	Beltrami SWCD	50	255	\$ 12,750	\$ -	\$ 1,058.37	\$ 1,326.91	\$ 1,975.11	\$ 1,313.73	\$ 664.39	\$ 244.88	\$ 636.17	\$ 672.17	\$ 183.66	\$ 4,674.61		
Meeting Expenses (facility, materials, food)				\$ 5,000	\$ 171.48											\$ 4,828.52	
Publication Expenses (notices, invitations)				\$ 5,000	\$ -											\$ 5,000.00	
SUBTOTAL: Administration				\$ 28,450	\$ 19,714.62												
CONTINGENCY (add 10% to final amount)				\$ 21,270	\$ 21,270.00												
TOTAL				\$ 233,970	YTD Balance \$ 196,751.32												

**2020 Mississippi River Headwaters One Watershed, One Plan Partnership
GRANT BUDGET & EXPENSES**

		LEAD			ESTIMATED COST			2020 EXPENSES												
Plan Development Costs		Consultants	Partnership	Total	2019 Expenses and Staff time	2020 Expenses	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Remaining Funds	
Pre-Planning		Pre-Planning																		
Aggregate watershed information	Partnership	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	
Notify plan review authorities and host public kickoff meeting	Partnership	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000	\$ 5,816.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,183.16	
Planning		Planning																		
Write the land and water resources narrative	Partnership	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000	\$ 2,422.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,577.52	
Identify and prioritize resources and issues	Partnership	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 28,000	\$ 7,982.53	\$ -	\$ 2,659.60	\$ 97.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,260.27	
Establish measurable goals	Partnership	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 33,000	\$ 6,332.58	\$ -	\$ 1,183.40	\$ 683.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,800.83	
Develop a targeted implementation schedule	Partnership	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 16,500	\$ 4,010.62	\$ -	\$ 341.60	\$ 1,073.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,074.18	
Describe implementation programs	Partnership	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,500	\$ 792.53	\$ -	\$ 146.40	\$ 1,098.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,463.07	
Determine plan administration and coordination	Partnership	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	
Write draft plan for review	Partnership	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 24,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,317.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,782.40	
Plan Review and Submission		Plan Review and Submission																		
Conduct formal review	Partnership	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	
Write final plan and submit to BWSR	Partnership	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,150.00	
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Fiscal Coordination	Beltrami SWCD	50	70	\$ 3,500	\$ 399.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,100.31	
Grant Reporting (Elink)	Beltrami SWCD	50	44	\$ 2,200	\$ 88.82	\$ -	\$ 97.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,013.58	
Policy /Advisory Committee Coordination	Beltrami SWCD	50	255	\$ 12,750	\$ 8,075.39	\$ -	\$ 439.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,235.41	
Meeting Expenses (facility, materials, food)				\$ 5,000	\$ 171.48	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,828.52	
Publication Expenses (notices, invitations)				\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	
SUBTOTAL: Administration		\$ 28,450																		
CONTINGENCY (add 10% to final amount)		\$ 21,270																		
Total		\$233,970.00																		
																		Grant Balance	\$ 187,613.52	

Beltrami County

ACCOUNT ACTIVITY REPORT



SC	Tran Type	Vendor	G/L Mont	Receipt/Warrant NUMBER	DATE	Seq	AMOUNT	Description / Service Dates	Invoice Number	Accr Cd	Basis	R1R2
PROGRAM 000												
74-624-000-0000-5301 - 1W1P Mississippi Grant												
RE	RE	STATE OF MINNESOTA	04/2019	242691	04/18/2019	222	116,985.00	1W1P MISSISSIPPI GRANT				1
						Total	116,985.00					
74-624-000-0000-6276 - Professional/Technical												
DI	DI	3778-Headwaters Regional	08/2019	149005	08/21/2019	333	1,950.00	One Watershed One Plan	20-5840-01			1
DI	DI	3778-Headwaters Regional	08/2019	149005	08/21/2019	333	2,280.15	One Watershed One Plan	20-5840-02			1
DI	DI	2486-Hubbard County Swcd	08/2019	149012	08/21/2019	333	1,014.42	Admin Fees for LAWRN for AC3	19-225			1
DI	DI	3778-Headwaters Regional	12/2019	150816	12/18/2019	333	633.38	One Watershed One Plan	20-5840-04			1
DI	DI	3778-Headwaters Regional	12/2019	151032	12/31/2019	333	304.02	One Watershed One Plan	20-5840-05			1
JE	JE		12/2019	18012	12/31/2019	645	24,641.26	1W1P Reimbursement to ESD				1
JE	JE		12/2019	18065	12/31/2019	655	1,057.52	1W1P Reimb Correction				1
						Total	29,765.71					
74-624-000-0000-6411 - Food & Beverages												
DI	DI	351-Raphaels Bakery Cafe	05/2019	147383	05/08/2019	333	461.54	Lunch 1W1P April Meeting	8277			1
DI	DI	1979-Bemidji Brewing	08/2019	148608	08/02/2019	333	669.65	One Watershed One Plan Kickoff	000047			1
DI	DI	2022-CK Dudley's	08/2019	148808	08/09/2019	333	413.39	Upper Mississippi 1W1P tour	8/2/19			1
DI	DI	10553-Gutknecht/Zachrie	08/2019	149004	08/21/2019	333	213.07	1W1P Kickoff, Tour	8/2/19			1
DI	DI	2073-Timberlake Lodge & Event Cent	08/2019	149087	08/21/2019	333	1,687.50	HRDC Reception	0730-KH-bl			1
						Total	3,445.15					
74-624-000-0000-6413 - Other General Supplies												
DI	DI	796-Fitzgerald/Megan	05/2019	147297	05/08/2019	333	30.95	1W1P Mtg Supplies	4/24/2019			1
DI	DI	796-Fitzgerald/Megan	05/2019	147297	05/08/2019	333	33.00	1W1P Tent Cards	4/22/2019			1
DI	DI	796-Fitzgerald/Megan	08/2019	148686	08/07/2019	333	22.64	Name Tags-1W1P	7/31/19			1
DI	DI	10323-Innovative Office Solutions, LL	08/2019	148706	08/07/2019	333	23.42	Tent Cards, Cups	IN2586671			1
DI	DI	10323-Innovative Office Solutions, LL	08/2019	148706	08/07/2019	333	22.06	Note Cards	IN2612397			1
DI	DI	10553-Gutknecht/Zachrie	08/2019	149004	08/21/2019	333	7.11	1W1P Kickoff, Tour	8/2/19			1
DI	DI	10323-Innovative Office Solutions, LL	09/2019	149217	09/04/2019	333	6.54	Hot Cups	IN2635086			1
						Total	145.72					
74-624-000-0000-6802 - Miscellaneous Expense												
DI	DI	10553-Gutknecht/Zachrie	05/2019	147559	05/22/2019	333	352.60	Website for Mississipp Headwate	5/13/19			1
DI	DI	10553-Gutknecht/Zachrie	06/2019	147759	06/05/2019	333	25.76	Water for 1W1P Meetings	5/2/19			1
DI	DI	7569-CARDMEMBER SERVICE	07/2019	148573	07/26/2019	333	71.88	DNH Godaddy.com	7/26/19			1
DI	DI	8067-Bemidji Bus Line	08/2019	148958	08/21/2019	333	701.25	1W1P Bus Tour	19338			1
DI	DI	6062-Ruzicka/Kathryn	11/2019	150195	11/06/2019	333	10.99	Correction	10/17/19			1
DI	DI	6062-Ruzicka/Kathryn	12/2019	150195	12/01/2019	333	10.99	Correction				1
						Total	1,151.49					

PROGRAM 000 Total 82,476.93-

Mississippi Headwaters One Watershed, One Plan



MEASURABLE GOALS

- The Advisory Committee spent most of the February meeting continuing prioritization and reviewing the Groundwater Restoration and Protection Strategies (GRAPS).
- When reviewing the GRAPS, the Advisory Committee recommended adding pollution sensitivity of Near-Surface Material to Forestry but not to Ag as the majority of the area is all high sensitivity.
- The committee worked through the continuation of prioritization and decided the following:
 - Groundwater: special construction areas and superfund sites should be referenced, while also checking with MDH on arsenic flood zone.
 - Wetlands were removed, while aquatic connectivity is going to be the base tool for prioritization for watercourse recovery.

Mississippi Headwaters communities answering the call to protect and improve: Our waters, forests, economy, future.

PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- The Advisory Committee discussed the difference between using a Joint Planning Commission (JCP) or a Joint Powers Entity (JPE) as the development structure.
- The Advisory Committee presented the following opinion: a JPC can be a good option in the long-term, however, a JPE can offer more flexibility.
- Zach presented the Advisory Committee with a sample plan to show the type of layout the 1W1P would follow. The committee agreed and supported the direction of the plan.

There are no longer any scheduled Advisory Committee meetings. They will be on an “as needed basis;” therefore, you will receive an email from Zach if a meeting is required

HIGHLIGHTS

Lidar Presentation

- Erik Krum presented on Partnership Lidar Planning for the Upper Mississippi Block, which educated the committee on Minnesota’s lidar goals and the need for partners. With more local and tribal partners, the amount of stakeholders will increase and help show interest to increase any funding match.
- The MN Lidar Plan offers tools, such as SeaSketch, that aides with prioritization and focusing on areas of interest.
- The Advisory Committee didn’t feel it necessary to include the Lidar Project in the 1W1P.

Plan Approval Time Table

	date
optional 30 day state Agency Review	9/1/2020
End of 30 day optional review	10/1/2020
1 week to address any potential comments	
Submit Draft Plan, Begin 60 day review	10/8/2020
End of 60 day review	12/8/2020
Public Hearing (no sooner than 14 days after end of 60 day review)	12/22/2020
3 weeks to address any potential comments from public hearing and 60 day review	
Submit Final draft plan, State agency Comment Period	1/12/2021
State agency 30 day comments due	2/12/2021
1 week to address any potential comments	
Committee Packet Due	2/19/2021
BWSR Northern Committee Meeting	3/3/2021

Joint Powers Collaboration vs Joint Powers Entity Brief Descriptions

Below are some bullet points to consider. Pros and Cons are hard to identify as such because it is in the eye of the beholder but below are the salient points of both as a starting point for discussion when considering the implementation of the One Watershed One Plan for the Mississippi River Headwaters Watershed.

Potential types of decisions that will be needed: governance, work plans, budgets, work revisions, contracts, personal, contracted services, applying for grant funding, operations.

Take away from December Policy Meeting with Jen Wolf of MCIT:

- JPC – Approval need to go back to individual boards and have 100% consensus. Could reduce ability to implement projects on time.
- JPC – There is risk to operate outside your coverage of MCIT.
- JPE – Is an efficient way to make decisions on Budget and work plan approval and revisions.
- JPE – Reduces liability to the group and fiscal agent.
- JPE – Can be structured to reduce liability to members, such as not allowing entity to take on debt or require dues.

Joint Powers Collaboration

- JPC does not establish a new entity.
- Decision making authority and liability remains with the participating members (although consolidated)
- May not enter into contracts, own property itself in the name of the JPC because not a legal separate entity. Must be in the name of one of all of the members
- Members provide the funding
- Board
 - Not needed
 - If a board is established, it is strictly advisory in nature
 - Individual governmental units retain all decision-making authority including approving contracts, budgets etc.
 - All decisions must be approved by all boards of participating entities
- No employees
 - Members may assign their employees to JPC projects
 - Employee remains an employee of his or her original governmental unit
- How liability apportioned between members should be discussed

Joint Powers Entity

- JPE is a separate, free-standing public entity with independent (delegated) decision making authority that can sue and be sued
 - Liability transferred from the participating members to the JPE
 - Contracts, agreements etc. are in the entity name
 - Must comply with regulations as a free-standing government entity i.e., Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Records Retention etc.
 - Entity provides the funding
- Board
 - Needed to operate
 - Must be *representative* of its members
 - Operates autonomously from the boards of the individual members
 - Individual members delegate control and authority of scope of agreement to the JPE board
- Employees
 - May or may not have employees. As a separate entity must have own payroll, personnel policies etc.