Nemadji One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

2/6/2020

Start time: 9:00 AM End time: 11:00 PM

Location: Carlton SWCD: 808 3rd St, Carlton, MN 55718

Purpose: Approve priority issues list

Invitees:

Jerry Telker, Pine SWCD Supervisor

- Matt Ludwig, Pine County Commissioner
- Rick Dalen, Carlton SWCD Supervisor
- Mark Thell, Carlton County Commissioner
- Steering Team

Attendees:

- Jerry Telker, Pine SWCD Supervisor
- Matt Ludwig, Pine County Commissioner
- Rick Dalen, Carlton SWCD Supervisor
- Mark Thell, Carlton county Commissioner
- Melanie Bomier (Carlton SWCD)
- Brad Matlack (Carlton SWCD)

Jeff Hrubes, BWSR Erin Loeffler, BWSR Caleb Anderson, Pine County

Meeting Minutes

M/S Approved October's meeting minutes Ludwig/Dalen

M/S Approved the agenda Ludwig/Dalen

M/S Approved the financial report Telker/Ludwig

Updates on recent Nemadji watershed related awards were presented. There was discussion about making sure there are signs at recently completed projects to educate the public on good work.

The results of the topic meetings were presented. All related materials are available on the website.

The priority issue list and report were discussed. There was some concern about the tiered priority issues list. Because of the limited watershed-based funding available for the Nemadji Watershed, our first-tier priority issue (Road and Stream interface) could use all the funding for a single project. We discussed the need to clarify that watershed-based funding is only part of all the funding sources needed for this watershed and that time spent on a priority issue might be used for leveraging other funding rather than implementing projects. Some additional clarification should be added to the Priority Issue Report to explain that the tiered issues list only considered difficulty and urgency but not funding needs.

There was a web-presentation by Steve Windels PhD from Voyageur's National Park to discuss how beavers affect watershed storage.

M/S to approve the priority issues list as presented Ludwig/Telker

Next meeting is planned for Thursday March 5th 9:00 to 11:00 at the Carlton SWCD office. This meeting will present/seek approval for the watershed goals and discuss plan administration.

M/S Adjourned meeting at 11:00 Dalen/Telker

Action Items

Melanie will update the prioritization report to clarify the methods for the tiered priorities.

- Melanie will share a final 1W1P plan example at the next policy committee meeting. Melanie will develop a timeline to show the planned dates/times for the plan completion and approval.