REDWOOD ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 2026 9:00 AM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Policy Committee (PC) Present:
Joe Drietz-Lincoln County, Tom Andries-Lyon County, Jackie Meier-Murray County, Luke Pipestone County, Larry Anderson-RCRCA, Bob Byrnes-City of Marshall, and Larry Arentson-City of Redwood Falls. Steering Team Members: Nick Brozek-Redwood County/SWCD, Kerry Netzke-RCRCA/Area II, and Mark Hiles-BWSR.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM with a quorum present.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Andries, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Meier, seconded by Drietz, to approve the August 10, 2026 Policy Committee Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

PLAN STATUS

This grant expires today, August 31. The final progress report in eLINK is due September 30. Netzke will submit the report by mid-September at the latest.

ADDITIONAL TASKS – HOUSTON ENGINEERING INC.

▪ **ADA Compliance**: Houston Engineering provided the ADA-compliant Plan on August 21. This Plan has been uploaded to the RCRCA website and the Redwood River 1W1P Planning Grant page.

▪ **MS4Front Tracking System**
Courtney Williams has been working closely with Brian Fischer on adding "linear footage" to the streambank stabilization and filter strip entry pages as only "acres" was there previously. eLINK requires the linear footage for reporting.

▪ **BEAST (Benefits Estimator and Summary Tool) Spreadsheet – Rachel Olm**
The BEAST is complete and has been tested for use. A "How To" guide has been provided to explain the use of the spreadsheet.

▪ **Hydrologic Model – Stacked Hydrograph Analysis – Bret Zimmerman, HEI**
The PC-SWMM model for the Redwood watershed has been developed. The remainder of the analysis will be funded by the WBIF 1.0 Grant. The model findings and Technical Memo will be presented to this committee once the analysis is completed.

FINAL GRANT EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Financial Report for grant expenditures for the month of August 2026 was provided. Through August 31, expenses to date include $149,831.44 in consultant fees for Plan Development, $42,237.25 for consultant fees for Additional Services (BEAST, MS4Front and Stacked Hydrograph Analysis), and

$42,409.05 for grant administration/publication expenses, totaling $234,477.74. Remaining grant funds are $4,222.26. Netzke explained that payroll through August 25 was included in this report, however she will have additional staff time for August 26, 27 and 31 which will be added to the final expenditures in eLINK. This will reduce the remaining grant amount but will not likely zero out the remaining funds. Andries requested a revised financial report when all expenses are entered in. Motion by Drietz, seconded by Meier, to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Netzke extended an appreciation to everyone for their time and commitment to this planning effort.

With no other business, the chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Jackie Meier

Jackie Meier, Secretary