

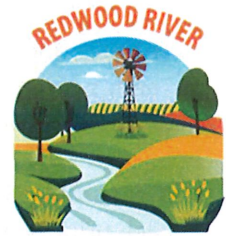
## **REDWOOD RIVER ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN (1W1P)**

### **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

November 18, 2024 – 2:00 PM

Lyon County Government Center – Commissioners' Room – Marshall, MN

*\*Joined virtually*



#### Members Present:

Joe Drietz – Lincoln County, Tom Andries - Lyon County, Allen Deutz – Lyon SWCD, Jackie Meier – Murray County, Luke Johnson – Pipestone County, Denny Groebner – Redwood County, \*Ed Carter – Redwood SWCD, Doug Anderson – City of Ghent, Mark Meuelebroek – RCRCA, and Gary Crowley – Area II.

Others Present: \*Rachel Olm, Houston Engineering, \*Mark Hiles and John Shea - BWSR, Dale Sterzinger – Lincoln SWCD, and Kerry Netzke-RCRCA/Area II.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. All were asked to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Crowley, seconded by Meier, to adopt the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Andries, seconded by Meier, to adopt the September 9, 2024 Minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial reports for grant expenditures for the months of September and October 2024 were presented. Through October, expenses included \$8,057.00 in consultant fees and \$1,270.01 for administration, totaling \$9,327.01. Total grant expenditure to date is \$57,698.72 with \$181,001.28 remaining. Motion by Crowley, seconded by Drietz, to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Advisory Committee Meeting**

Olm recapped the meeting held with the Advisory Committee on October 14, 2024; meeting Minutes were provided. A few committee members were unable to attend due to harvest, but all were provided with materials to review two weeks prior to the meeting to allow ample time for review and comments. Olm was pleased with the feedback and conversations had that day.

#### **Plan Section: Priority Issues**

Olm summarized the BWSR Content Requirements for this section which include: a summary of issues and resource concerns and how they were identified, steps used to consider and prioritize the issues, and a list of priority resources and issues with a brief statement describing the relevance to planning area. Olm distributed this section to the Steering Team on November 8 and requested comments back to her by November 22. Review and approval will be sought from the Policy Committee in January 2025.

This section of the Plan addresses how the priority issues were identified and organized into priority resources with planning regions developed. The High-Medium-Low priority system is explained, followed by Contaminants of Emerging Concern (PFAs and Chloride), Invasive Species, and Planning Lenses (Environmental Justice and Climate Change). Lenses allow the issues to be looked at through a different perspective.

The Steering Team initially identified changes pertaining to color changes or wording. Once the Steering Team's comments are collected on November 22, the revised section will be provided to the Policy Committee for review and comment. Approval of this section will be sought at the January meeting.

### **Measurable Goals and Focus Areas**

Each priority issue must have at least one measurable goal associated with it. Each goal will have a map illustrating the focus area. One goal may be able to cover multiple priority issues. The goals and maps were shared with the Policy committee. The Steering Committee is currently reviewing/commenting on these latest maps.

### **Next Steps**

#### Plan Section: Measurable Goals

Currently, this Plan section is about 80% complete as the 2-page formats for each issue contain placeholders for numerical figures. Those placeholders will be filled with the results from the Targeted Implementation Schedule.

#### Targeted Implementation Schedule

The Steering Team has been tasked with the work of providing the amounts of existing implementation funding available for conservation. Many of the Team members have done this for other watersheds, so it is not entirely new. They are asked to report the entire dollar amount, and then HEI multiplies that number by the percentage of the Redwood watershed in that county. This amount is called "baseline" or Level 1 Funding. When the WBIF and other consistent State funds are added to the baseline, this is Level 2 Funding. Level 3 Funding is Level 2 Funding plus federal funds. Once these dollar amounts are known, they are inputted into PTMApp to generate a realistic number of conservation practices that can be accomplished with those funds, and to generate the reductions estimated from implementing those practices. The spreadsheet contains a lot of information including a description of the action, where this will occur, the timeframe, responsible parties and cost.

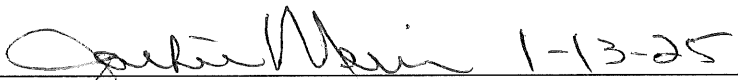
The Steering Team has been asked to provide this information by December 6 so that HEI can run PTMApp and generate the results. This information will be provided to the Steering Team in January for review/comment, and then to the Policy Committee in February. The Advisory Committee will likely meet in March to review the Priority Issues and Measurable Goals sections.

### **Action Items and Next Meeting**

No December meeting will be held due to annual conventions and holidays.

The Policy Committee will meet on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 1:00 PM. A virtual link will be provided in case of inclement weather conditions.

With no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

  
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Jackie Meier, Secretary