

REDWOOD ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
LYON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER – COMMISSIONERS' ROOM
NOVEMBER 10, 2025 ~ 1:30 PM



Policy Committee (PC) Present:

Gary Crowley-Area II, Tom Andries-Lyon County, Allen Deutz-Lyon SWCD, Jackie Meier-Murray County, Luke Johnson-Pipestone County, Michael Fruechte-Pipestone SWCD, Larry Anderson-RCRCA, Ed Carter-Redwood SWCD, Bob Byrnes-City of Marshall, and Larry Arentson-City of Redwood Falls.

Steering Team Members: Dale Sterzinger-Lincoln SWCD, Nick Brozek-Redwood County/SWCD, Kerry Netzke-RCRCA/Area II, Courtney Williams-RCRCA, and John Shea-BWSR.

Consultant: Rachel Olm, Houston Engineering Inc.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:25 PM. All were asked to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Crowley, seconded by Anderson, to approve the October 13, 2025 Minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for grant expenditures for the month of October 2025 was presented. Through October 31st, total expenses to date include \$137,132.69 in consultant fees and \$25,607.51 for administration, totaling \$162,740.20. Total grant remaining is \$75,959.80. Motion by Fruechte, seconded by Deutz, to approve the October 2025 Financial Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE REDWOOD CWMP

With the Public Hearing completed and no additional comments received, the Comment Response table is now final and will become an appendix to the Plan. Olm anticipates having the Plan document revised within a few days which will be called "BWSR Approval Draft".

Motion by Andries, seconded by Arentson, to approve the Comment Response Table as final and to be added as an appendix to the Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution templates for the counties, SWCDS, and cities will be emailed by Netzke later today. These resolutions should be passed in November and sent to Netzke following passage. If possible, please have the resolutions completed by the end of November or first week of December as they must be completed before the Plan can be submitted to BWSR for approval.

Motion by Meier, seconded by Carter, to submit the "BWSR Approval Draft" of the Redwood River CWMP to BWSR for approval upon receipt of all resolutions from the MOA members. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS AND NEXT MEETING

The BWSR Southern Region Committee will hear 3 plans: Redwood, Minnesota River-Mankato, and Blue Earth. At this time, the Minnesota River-Mankato plan is about one month behind the other two. Two meetings may become necessary for the committee, either in December or early January 2026. The BWSR Board does not meet in February, so making the January agenda is imperative. This meeting will likely be in person. Netzke will email everyone about the scheduled date of this meeting when it becomes known.

There is no immediate need to schedule the next Policy Committee as it will depend on expenses in need of approval. RCRC approved the Policy Committee's recommendation for development of the BEAST and MS4Front tracking software by Houston Engineering. If excess grant funds are available in early 2026, Houston Engineering can begin work on the Stacked Hydrograph Analysis to identify subwatersheds where water storage potential exists. The completion of the Stacked Hydrograph Analysis can be funded through Planning and Assessment with the WBIF grant.

Netzke will stay in communication with the Policy Committee on the need for the next meeting.

With no other business, the chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:42 PM.



Jackie Meier, Secretary