

Lower Minnesota River West-Comprehensive Watershed Management Partnership	Policy Committee Meeting #18 – Minutes	Date: 10/14/2022
		Time: 10:03 AM – 10:50 AM
		Location: USDA Service Center Conference Room 112 5 th Street Gaylord, MN 55334

Staff Support: Jack Bushman

Note taker: Jack Bushman

Attendees: **Committee Members:** Charles Mathews – McLeod SWCD, Marie Dranttel – Nicollet County, Steve Saxton – Sibley County, Doug Krueger – McLeod County, Jim Mueller – HICWD
Others: Jack Bushman – Sibley SWCD, Greg Williams – Barr Engineering, Karen Chandler – Barr Engineering, Rachel Pichelmann – SEH, Ed Lenz – BWSR, Jeremy Maul – BWSR

Agenda Items

Minutes:

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Vice Chair Dranttel.
2. Review Meeting Agenda, Agenda Additions & Cancellations
 - a. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Mueller to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes- Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.
3. Approve Minutes from 8/4/2022
 - a. The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the August 8th meeting. A motion was made by Saxton and seconded by Mathews to approve the meeting minutes. Ayes- Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.
4. Approve Invoice from Barr Engineering Co.
 - a. The committee reviewed the invoice from Barr Engineering Co. The invoice is for \$13,412.87 and is dated October 7th, 2022. Bushman reviewed the services provided by Barr Engineering. A motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Mueller to approve the invoice. Ayes- Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.
5. Additional Services – Barr Engineering
 - a. Williams reviewed the Additional Scope of Services document purposed by Barr Engineering. The committee held discussion on the remain budget and project timeline. A motion was made by Krueger and Seconded by Saxton to approve the additional services. Ayes- Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.
6. Lower Minnesota River West Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – 60 Day Review Comments
 - a. Bushman and Williams reviewed the response to comments memorandum with the committee. Discussion was held on the comments provided during the 60-day review and the appropriate plan edits that should result from the comments. A motion was made by Mueller and seconded Kreuger to approve the response to comments and move forward with suggested edits. Ayes- Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.

- b. Lenz and Maul discussed with committee the process and timeline for submitting the plan for 90-day review.
 - c. Bushman requested that the policy committee hold the public hearing on the draft plan on November 10th at 10 AM. A motion was made by Mueller and seconded by Krueger to approve holding a public hearing. Ayes- Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.
7. Lower Minnesota River West Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – Final Submission Timeline
- a. Additional discussion was held on when to submit the plan for 90-day review. Lenz and Maul discussed the timeline for Board of Water and Soil Resources regional committee meetings and plan approval. It was requested that the committee considering submitting the plan in late December of 2022 to avoid conflicts with the 90-day review timeline. The committee consented to agree with this request.
8. Next Meeting
- a. The next LMRW CWMP Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for November 10th at 10 AM. It will be held in the conference room of the USDA Service Center.
 - b. A motion was made by Mueller and seconded by Saxton to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM. Ayes- Mueller, Krueger, Mathews, Dranttel, Saxton. Motion carried.

Approved on November 10th, 2022.

Secretary