

## 12/17/2020 Long Prairie Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Attendees: Policy Committee Members – Bill Dropik – Douglas SWCD, Mike LeMieur – Morrison County, Barb Becker – Todd County, Todd SWCD – Dan Whitney, WOT SWCD – John Walkup, Dr. Bill Faber – Morrison SWCD

Staff - Adam Ossefoort-Todd County, Deja Anton-Todd SWCD, Amy Kowalzek-Morrison County, Lance Chisholm-Morrison SWCD, Danielle Anderson & Jerry Haggenmiller-Douglas SWCD, Rebecca Sternquist-Douglas County, Chris LeClair-Otter Tail County, Ben Underhill-Wadena and EOT SWCD, Brad Mergens-WOT SWCD.

Chris Pence – BWSR

Meeting was started at 9:06 AM to allow for additional log in time.

1. Agenda Review – There were not suggested changes or addition to the agenda.

2. Review and approval of the bylaws – Danielle provided a short presentation of the bylaws. A motion was made by Mike LeMieur to approve the bylaws as presented. Barb Becker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Election of Policy Committee Officers

Dr. Bill Faber expressed interest in being nominated as the Chairperson and was nominated as such. There were no additional nominations. Unanimous yes to appoint Dr. Bill Faber as the chairperson.

Barb Becker was nominated to be appointed as the Vice Chairperson. There were no additional nominations. Unanimous yes to appoint Barb Becker as the Vice Chairperson.

Bill Dropik was nominated to be appointed as the Secretary. There were no additional nominations. Unanimous yes to appoint Bill Dropik as the Secretary.

4. Informational on the Long Prairie River 1W1P Planning Process – Danielle A provided a brief presentation about the participating agencies and also provided an update on where we are at in the planning process.

5. Introduction to the Long Prairie River – Deja A gave a PowerPoint presentation to introduce the Policy Committee to the physical characteristics of the watershed. This presentation is available for review if requested.

6. Forestry Management and Landscape Stewardship Plan – Chris Pence gave a short presentation about Forestry Management and the Landscape Stewardship Plan. There were no additional questions.

7. Advisory and Citizen Committee Establishment – Danielle A started by giving a quick review of the Policy Committee Requirements.

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The proposed roster for the Technical Committee was presented to the Policy Committee for review and approval. The proposed list is available for review if requested.

Dan Whitney asked about what the expectation of the Technical Committee would be and what we expect to be the total number of people at each meeting.

There was a discussion about how the cities and townships would be represented in order to limit the total participants. The consensus was to limit the total participants and to have specific townships and cities be a representative to the others.

More detail to the roster will be provided at a future meeting and it will be approved at that time.

The proposed roster for the Citizen Advisory Committee was then presented to the Policy Committee for review and approval. The proposed list is available for review if requested.

Amy K requested that we first review which citizens directly reached out to us in advance to request to be a part of the CAC. Danielle A ran through the list of those that fit this description.

Barb B mentioned the name of Jon Krause to be added to the list of CAC members within Todd County.

There was a short discussion about additional names to be added to the CAC list.

There will be additional contacts made and the list will be updated to be approved at a future meeting.

8. Intent to Plan Notification – Deja A gave a PowerPoint presentation to provide an outline of what our suggestion is to the policy committee for who will be notified of our intent to develop a plan. This presentation is available if requested. The presentation gave proposed dates to begin and end the 60 day notification period.

9. Authorization to start 60 day notification period – Bill F made a motion to approve the start of the 60 day notification period as presented by Deja. Motion was seconded by Bill Dropik. Unanimous Yes. Motion passes.

10. Kick Off Event – Danielle A presented to initial plan for the kickoff event. It is planned for March 11 or 18<sup>th</sup> in the evening at this time. There was no current opposition to this idea.

11. Consultant Selection Discussion – Danielle A presented the proposed plan to hire Houston Engineering as the plan writer and Region 5 as the meeting facilitator.

Chris P provided clarification as to the options for hiring a consultant. The current proposal is to select the consultant directly.

Staff gave some extended justification as to how we arrived at our current proposal and gave clarification to the policy committee members.

Dan W requested to review the soft proposals that were received to compare the options.

John W expressed his support to the proposed plan and expressed that he and his other board members have been very pleased with the work that has been received from Houston Engineering in the past.

Barb B gave her support to Tad Erickson as she had worked with him in passed situations also.

More information will be provided to the Policy Committee and a decision will be made at the next meeting. Moriya and Tad might be invited to the next meeting depending on the review of the additional information provided.

12. Next meeting date – Danielle will provide a doodle poll to establish our normal meeting schedule for the policy committee.

Mike L made a motion to adjourn. Barb seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:18