

## 1/8/2021 Long Prairie Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Attendees:

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.

BWSR - Chris Pence

Consultants – Tad Erickson-Region 5 and Moriya Rufer-Houston Engineering

Additional Guest – Lindberg Ekola-BWSR, Dan Steward-BWSR, and John Carlson-DNR

Meeting was started at 9:00 AM.

1. Agenda Review – Chris Pence requested to add an item to discuss the plan for state agency presentations at the upcoming January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.
2. Introductions – Introductions were bypassed and allow our guests to introduce themselves.
3. Meet the Consultants – Tad Erickson and Moriya Rufer introduced themselves and gave some background about their organizations.
4. Forestry Management in the Long Prairie River – Lindberg Ekola, John Carlson, and Dan Steward gave a presentation about Forestry within the watershed, programs available to land owners, and how landscape stewardship plans relate to One Watershed, One Plan.
5. Intent to Plan Notification Update – Adam gave an update on the status of the notices. Requirements have been met. Townships and cities have been notified. Paper notices have been sent out. Additional surveys will be sent to large land mass owners along the river.
6. Advisory and Citizen Committees – a brief update was requested about updates to the committees. Not much additional outreach has been completed due to the holidays.
7. Kick Off Event – Deja provided a brief update on the status of the kick off event. The kick off will likely be held virtually due to covid. The kick off event will be planned for March 18<sup>th</sup>. Deja will recruit additional help as needed to plan the event.
8. Virtual Bus Tour – This item was addressed in the kick off event agenda item.
9. Cloud Storage – Adam provided a brief update about the cloud storage and the website. The website is up and the cloud storage still needs to be tested.

10. Discussion about state agency presentations at the upcoming policy committee meeting. – MDH, MPCA, and BWSR have all agreed to provide a brief presentation to the policy committee on the January 21 policy committee meeting. Still waiting on a response from DNR. There was a request to invite the DNR fisheries department and also USFWS to that same meeting.

Additional discussion was had about publicly notifying the policy committee meetings. Deja and Adam will develop the materials for posting these meetings.

Discussion was brought up about policy committee members not being responsive to emails and doodle polls. Each county will take time to contact these policy committee members.

11. Next meeting

February 5<sup>TH</sup>, 9:00 – 12:00

Policy Committee Meeting: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 – 12:00

Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM