

## 1/21/2021 Long Prairie Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting was conducted via Zoom.

Attendees: Policy Committee Members – Jerry Rap – Douglas County, Mike LeMieur – Morrison County, Dr. Bill Faber – Morrison SWCD, Barb Becker – Todd County, Dan Whitney – Todd SWCD, John Walkup – West Otter Tail SWCD.

Staff - Adam Ossefoort-Todd County, Deja Anton-Todd SWCD, Amy Kowalzek-Morrison County, Lance Chisholm-Morrison SWCD, Danielle Anderson, Andy Rice & Jerry Haggemiller-Douglas SWCD, Chris LeClair-Otter Tail County, Brad Mergens-WOT SWCD.

BWSR - Chris Pence & Brady Wozney

Additional Guests – Moriya Rufer – Houston Engineering, Tad Erickson – Region 5, Lindberg Ekola – BWSR, John Carlson – DNR, Mark Anderson – DNR, Bonnie Finnerty – MPCA, Dan Disrud – MDH,

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

1. Agenda Review and Minutes from previous meeting – Motion by Mike LeMieur made a motion to approve the agenda. Second made by Barb Becker. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion made by Mike LeMieur to approve the minutes from the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Second by Dan Whitney. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Introductions – Roll call attendance was taken to determine all participants on the Zoom call. The attendee list can be found above.

3. State Agency Priorities –

- BWSR – Lindberg Ekola and John Carlson (DNR) gave a short presentation about forestry within the Long Prairie River Watershed.
- MDH – Dan Disrud gave a presentation on groundwater, DWSMAs, and safety and adequate drinking water within the Long Prairie River Watershed.
- MPCA – Bonnie Finnerty gave a presentation about MPCAs involvement in the planning process.
- DNR – Mark Anderson has to step away from the meeting prior to the presentation but a PowerPoint is available for review.

All PowerPoint presentations can be made available if requested.

4. Forestry Management in the Long Prairie River Watershed – This presentation was given during the BWSR portion of the previous agenda item.

5. Presentation from recommended consultants – Moriya Rufer, Houston Engineering and Tad Erickson, Region 5

Tad introduced himself and gave a presentation about Region 5, his past experience, and what his involvement will be in the planning process.

Moriya introduced herself and gave a presentation about Houston Engineering, her past experience, and her involvement with the planning process.

A motion to hire Houston Engineering (Moriya Rufer) and Region 5 (Tad Erickson) to assist in the Long Prairie River 1W1P planning process was made by Mike LeMieur. Seconded by Dan Whitney.

A discussion was brought up by Jerry Rapp of his concern to keep the plan short, concise, and user friendly. It was the consensus of the group that it is the goal of this plan to be user friendly for all participants.

Motion passes unanimously.

6. Kick-off meeting update – Deja gave a brief update that the Kick-off meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held virtually.

Deja commented on her recent contact with the townships and her concern with having a virtual meeting.

7. Informational on website – Adam gave a quick tour of the watershed webpage and how to access the site.

8. Next meeting date: February 18<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are planned to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:00 AM.

Chris Pence provided additional comments about our existing County Water Plans and utilizing them as a starting point for creation of the Long Prairie plan.

Mike LeMeiur made a motion to adjourn. Barb Becker seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:03 AM.