

Long Prairie Watershed, One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Policy Committee (PC)

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Regular Meeting

PC 02/18/2021 9:00AM-12:00PM

Virtually Via Zoom:

In Attendance:

Dr. Bill F.

Amy K.

Jerry R.

Adam O.

Chad S.

Chris L.

Dan W.

Deja Al

Jerry R.

John W.

Lance C.

Barb B.

Bill D.

Dale K.

Danielle A.

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Review of Agenda** 9:00am
 - a. Introductions
 - i. Everyone in the group introduced themselves and answered an ice breaker question regarding their favorite water related memory from within the Long Prairie Watershed.
 - b. Review Agenda
 - i. Tad E. briefly previewed the agenda.
 - ii. Motion to approve – Barb B.
 - iii. Seconded by Dale K.
 - iv. Motion Carried

2. **Preview of Overall Planning Process** 9:20am
 - a. Tad E. walked the group through the overall planning process and shared a spreadsheet that laid out the timeline.

3. **Committee Establishment (update)** 9:30am
 - a. Danielle A. provided an update regarding filling the remaining seats in the various committees.
 - b. Policy Committee
 - c. Steering Committee

- d. Technical Advisory Committee
- e. Citizen Advisory Committee

4. SWCD/County Staff Discussion

9:45am

- a. Tad E. introduced this agenda item as an opportunity for the SWCD's to summarize each of their water plans, share their priorities and any potential issues or water related concerns. Subsequently, Deja A., Amy K, Lance C., Chris L., and Danielle A. each shared this information for their watershed respectively.
- b. Summarize water plans
- c. Priorities
- d. Additional thoughts/concerns

5. Policy Committee (PC) member input

10:15am

- a. Tad E. introduced this agenda item as an informal, high level discussion and an opportunity for Policy Committee members to share with staff and consultants the issues/opportunities that they are hearing and seeing within the watershed as we begin this planning process.
 - i. The issue of calcium chloride, particularly, how water flows to the Alexandria sewer but the salt is not removed.
 - ii. Private drain fields were identified.
 - iii. Increased expectation of salt on roads.
- b. Discuss setting a new regular meeting date/time
 - i. The scheduling issue was resolved, and the group agreed to continue to continue to meet quarterly on the 3rd Thursday.
- c. Preliminary discussion on watershed issues, priorities
 - i. Please come prepared to discuss your thoughts on:
 - 1. What are the issues facing the watershed?
 - 2. What should the watershed's priorities be?
- d. Questions/Concerns

6. Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) Presentation (Mark Anderson)

10:30am

- a. Mark Anderson provided a very nice, informative presentation regarding the priorities for the watershed from a State Agency perspective.

7. Vision Statement

11:00am

- a. Tad E. introduced this agenda item by discussing the purpose and process of drafting a vision statement for the planning process/plan before opening the floor for a facilitated brainstorming session regarding the initial draft of the Vision Statement.
 - i. Policy Committee Members provided the following impression, themes and feedback for incorporation into the Vision Statement:
 - 1. Emphasis on positivity, care and consideration for public input.
 - 2. Emphasis on communication and education; while being clear that this planning process seeks to listen first.

3. Emphasis on the watershed wide nature of this planning process vs. simply on a county wide basis.
4. A comment was made to not “outpace the culture”. Be conscious to move implementation at an appropriate pace for the community.

8. **Next Steps**

11:45am

- a. Next Tech. AC Meeting Date (3/5/2021)
- b. Public Kickoff Event (3/18/2021)
- c. Next Policy Committee (PC) meeting date (5/7/2021)

9. **Adjourn**

12:00pm

- a. Motion to Adjourn – Jerry R.
- b. Second by Dale K.
- c. Motion Carried.