



Yellow Medicine *ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN* Partnership Policy Committee Meeting

DATE: Monday, Feb. 3, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
PLACE: Watershed Office, Minneota

Minutes

Attendance

Elected Officials: Thomas Remmele (YM SWCD), Gary Crowley (Lyon County), Gary Laleman (Lyon SWCD), Bill Briggs (YMRWD), Mike Croatt (LqP SWCD), Stacy Tuffto (LQP County), Ron Antony, (YM County).

Staff: Dale Sterzinger, Brayden Anderson, Michelle Overholser, Jeremiah Timm, Kerry Netzke, Luke Olson, Brock Boerboom.

1. Approve the Agenda – Antony moved to approve the agenda, Remmele seconded. Motion carried.
2. Approve Minutes – Briggs moved to approve the minutes. Remmele seconded. Motion carried.
3. 2025 Election of Officers – 2024 Chair – Crowley; Vice Chair – Antony. Antony moved to nominate Crowley as chair, Briggs seconded. Motion passed. Crowley moved to nominate Antony as vice chair, Laleman seconded. Motion passed.
4. Partner Updates –

Brayden reported that the YMSWCD finished up 2 projects in December and is currently working on another. They also hired a new technician since the last meeting.

Kerry reported that Area II is working on trying to change the structure of some of their funding. They have funding that is slated to come out of the general funds and would rather see it be part of the bonding process, due to the reporting requirements between the different sources. They are also applying for some storage water grants for road retention projects.

Dale reported that Lincoln SWCD is advertising for a technician. They are currently working on 8 new structural practice contracts. They are seeing lots of interest in cover crops. Brock with Lyon SWCD did not have anything new to report.

Luke with BWSR gave an update on the RCPP which each SWCD will be eligible for. It looks like it will be a considerable amount of funding available for soil health projects.

5. PWG Update – The PWG has not met since the November and doesn't have anything to report at this time. They plan on meeting before the April Meeting.

6. Updates/Discussion

a. Mid Point Planning Grant reconciliation – Reconciliation report came back, there was no grant infractions found. 1 training opportunity was identified. The full report is available online.

b. WBIF Grant Progress/Update

- 2022/2023 – The entire grant was spent. Match ended up being more difficult than we anticipated at the beginning of the grant.

Landowner Portion	\$58,306.51
EQIP/RCPP	\$25,000
In Kind	\$33,576.89
Total	\$116,883.40

Item	Spent
Admin	\$50,000.00
Tech	\$15,431.50
Cost share	\$1,091,256.50
Total	\$1,156,688.00

- 2024/2025

Item	Budget	Spent	Encumbered or Requested	Remaining
Admin	\$100,000.00	\$0		\$100,000.00
Tech	\$100,000.00	\$0		\$100,000.00
Nonstructural	\$400,000.00	\$296,494	\$375,794	\$24,206.00
Structural	\$708,460.00	\$128,769.39	\$502,064.46	\$206,395.54
Outreach	\$15,000.00	\$0		\$15,000.00
Total	\$1,323,460.00	\$429,340.06	\$877,858.46	\$445,601.54

c. Cost-share Projects

- None

d. Comprehensive Plan Update – Discussion was had about the process to renew or update our plan. The current plan expires in December of 2026. BWSR currently does not have any funding set aside for plan renewals or plan updates. The cost of updating the plan is going to depend on how many changes are made to the current plan.

7. Adjournment

Next Meeting April 7th 9:00 a.m.