



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

DATE: Monday, April 7, 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), Joe Drietz (Lincoln Co.) Ron Antony (YM County)

Staff: Dale Sterzinger, Brayden Anderson, Michelle Overholser, Jeremiah Timm, Luke Olson, Jolene Johnson, Brendon Reiss, Phyan Schicker

1. Approve the Agenda – Briggs moved to approve the agenda, Croatt seconded. Motion carried.
2. Approve Minutes - Antony moved to approve the minutes, Laleman seconded. Motion carried.
3. Partner Updates – Brayden reported that the SWCD is working on 2 non-structural projects that will be getting federal funds. Jolene reported that DNR is requesting the counties update their shoreline ordinance and include additional basins. Rhyan reported that the LQP 1W1P has spent most of it's 1st round of funding. Luke said that the water quality storage grant closed this week. Gave an update on RCPP soil health funding and reported that Henry is still working on getting the results from the water storage model.
4. PWG Update – Michelle gave a report from the March 24th PWG meeting main points of discussion included:
 - Discussion on 2026 Comprehensive Plan
 - Requirements – Reviewed the renewal and amendment process that Michelle had received from Luke. Luke is going to gather a bit more information on this timeline and get that information to Michelle.

- Timeline – Discussion with the group was that we are going to plan to be ready to start the official renewal process and have a draft plan ready to proceed with by April 1st of 2026. The PWG will also plan to meet at least one more time before the August policy committee meeting, at that point we should have some data to review and also have a more structured timeline.
- 2016 Plan Data – Michelle is working on gathering all the data and reduction information into a chart for the plan work group to review and add more data or fill in where we have missing data. The group will plan to meet before the August policy meeting to start going over the data.
- Priority areas – By gathering the data, the plan work group is going to use that data to help determine if the goals have been met in the priority areas and then make recommendations for changes, if any.

Match – It may be good to have a discussion about the amount of cost share we provide. Braydon reported that he will have a few CSP or EQUIP contracts that should qualify for match, so it should be okay to finish out the 24/25 grant at the current levels. But for the next work plan, it is worth a discussion if the cost share amount

5. Updates/Discussion

a. WBIF Grant Progress/Update

- 2022/2023 – grant is complete and the last reconciliation is done.
- 2024/2025 – a midpoint reconciliation is in progress for this grant.

Category	Budget	Encumbered	Spent	Balance
Admin	\$100,000		\$26,752.50	\$73,247.50
Technical	\$100,000			\$100,000
Cost Share – Structural	\$708,460	\$642,594.03	\$158,805.06	\$65,865.97
Cost Share – Non Structural	\$400,000	\$375,794	\$375,794	\$24,206
Project Split between grants	\$4,076.67	\$4,076.67	\$4,076.67	\$0
Education and Outreach	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Totals	\$1,323,460	\$1,018,388.03	\$538,675.73	\$305,071.97

- b. Cost-share Projects – The following projects were reviewed by the committee. Briggs moved to recommend the projects for funding, Crowley seconded. Motion carried.
- 2024-027 – D. Buller – 638 - \$33,965.48
 - 2024-028 – A. Buller – 638 - \$45,134.10
 - 2024-029 – Hauschild – 638 - \$47,053.71
 - 2024-030 – Ratajczak – 638 - \$33,810.21
- c. Comprehensive Plan Update – Discussion – Michelle went through to notes from the last PWG meeting and set some goals to be accomplished before the next meeting.
- Michelle will complete the YM1W1P Progress reporting table and distribute to the PWG
 - PWG will review the table and submit any missing data to the best of their knowledge
 - PWG will meet at least once before the August Policy meeting
 - Review reductions for all the priority areas
 - Review any data received for MPCA WRAPs
 - Discuss and prepare suggestions for any changes in priority areas
 - Prepare recommendations for the budget and work plan for the 26/27 WBIF funding
 - Review Cost share policy for any possible recommendations for changes.

6. Adjournment

Next Meeting August 4th 9:00 a.m.