



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

DATE: Monday, November 13th, 2023
TIME: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
PLACE: Watershed Office, Minneota

Update

1. Approve the Agenda – No quorum, so an official meeting was not held.
2. Approve Minutes
3. Partner Updates – Doug from BWSR updated the group that there is an open BC potition based out of Marshall open. He also reported that 14 million statewide has been appropriated for soil health and we should see more information on that soon.
4. Updates/Discussion (New Business)
 - a. Grant Progress/Update - Overholser gave a grant update
 - b. 2020/2021
 - Cost-Share
 - Encumbered – All, Budget \$654,603
 - Spent - \$608,465.02
 - Admin – Budget \$60, 000
 - Spent - \$24,704.36
 - Unspent - \$35,295.64 Planning to move to Cost-Share
 - Technical – Budget \$100,000
 - Spent - \$80,332.29
 - Unspent - \$19,667.71
 - Total to add to Cost-share
 - \$54,963.35
 - c. 2022/2023
 - Cost-Share Budget - \$749,603.00 (was \$549,603)
 - Encumbered - \$722,857.45
 - Spent - \$105,536.55
 - Unencumbered - \$26,314.05
 - Submitted for approval - \$255,888.91
 - Admin – Budget \$50,000
 - Spent \$13,800.78
 - Nothing spent in Planning and Assessment (\$25K), Equipment (\$15K), or Technical (\$150K).
 - \$15,431.50 left in Technical, rest moved to BMP
 - d. 22-23 WBIF Supplemental Funds Request – Overholser reported that she is going to be putting in a request for one million dollars in funds.
 - e. MidPoint Planning Grant – nothing new to report

- f. CRP Incentive Grant
 - SWCDs are working on gathering more information for this and will present for discussion at the Feb. meeting.

- g. 2024/2025 WBIF Work Plan – Discussion was had at what the group would like to see the next work plan look like. Those that were in attendance believe that in the next work plan the Non-Structure and Structural BMPs should definitely be different budget items and possibly consider a contract cap.
 - Non-structural Cost-share WBIF – Group felt that with all the other anticipated funds possibly in the works, that maybe this number should be less than structural practices. Around \$400,000
 - Structural BMPs – Group would like to see around \$600,000 here.
 - CRP incentives
 - Technical – Its unsure where TSA is at, but were assuming we will start to see charges again. The SWCDs may also need to start charging for some time so that should be taken into account.
 - Administrative – Similar funding amount should be good here.
 - Outreach/education
 - Soil Health Outreach – Discussion about if this is something needed. At this time, we have more requests than we have money for.
 - Crop Rotation Incentive

- h. Cost-share Projects – No Projects were discussed.
 - Charles Olson – Vallery 15 - \$65582.37
 - Sidnee Olson – Vallery 1 - \$30170.70
 - Brad Pederson – Norman 35 - \$47979.84

Next Meeting February 12th 9:00 a.m.