

# Yellow Medicine ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN Partnership

## Policy Committee Update

### Policy Committee Update – February 2, 2026

#### Meeting Overview

On January 5th, members of the Policy Committee convened via Zoom to discuss and approve an official resolution requesting an extension of the current comprehensive management plan. The resolution was successfully passed. It is expected that the resolution will be forwarded to the Southwest Regional BWSR committee for comments and recommendations, which will then be presented to the full BWSR board in March. Official approval is anticipated in March or April. Based on discussions and feedback, there are no concerns regarding the approval of the extension, and local BWSR staff predict a positive outcome.

#### Plan Work Group (PWG) Update

Since the Policy Committee meeting in November, the Plan Work Group has not held any further meetings. Additionally, no new information has been received from the MPCA or regarding the WRAPs.

#### WBIF Grant Progress and Updates

The following table outlines the budget, encumbrances, expenditures, and balances for the 24/25 WBIF grant:

Category	Budget	Encumbered	Spent	Balance
Admin	\$100,000		\$52,396	\$47,604
Technical	\$0	0	\$8,214	-\$8,214
Cost Share – Structural	\$783,460	\$719,787	\$327,554	\$63,673
Cost Share – Non Structural	\$435,924	\$391,343	\$386,160	\$44,581
Project Split between grants	\$4,076	\$4,076.67	\$4,076.67	\$0
Education and Outreach	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	\$1,323,460	\$1,175,817	\$778,400	\$147,644

#### WBIF Grant for 2026/2027

The grant agreement for 2026/2027 has been finalized, and the work plan has received approval. As of January 31, 2026, no funds from this grant have been spent or encumbered. However, activity is expected to increase in March and April as spring and the planting season approach.

#### Cost-Share Projects

Currently, two cover crop projects are awaiting review by the Policy Committee. These projects, along with any other submissions received before April, will be evaluated during the April meeting. There are three additional projects with incomplete applications; while these have been entered into the system, supporting documents such as contracts, maps, or plans have not yet been submitted. Additionally, three cover crop projects are listed as waiting for funding. With the execution of the 2026/2027 WBIF grant, these projects are expected to move forward as complete contracts and will be reviewed by the committee in April.

#### Comprehensive Plan Update

Due to the absence of reports or results from the MPCA, progress on the comprehensive plan has been limited. It is hoped that relevant information will become available in March, at which point the PWG will reconvene to review the data. The group intends to outline several options regarding priority areas and condense the findings for the Policy Committee, enabling an informed decision.

#### Next Meeting

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for April 6th at 9:00 a.m. at the YMRWD office.