

MINUTES
Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team
Monday, January 13, 2020

The Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2020 in the Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility Conference Room with the following Policy Team members present: John Eret (Vice Chair, Citizen at Large), Craig Mell (Chisago SWCD standing in for Policy Team member Craig Mold), Mike Robinson (County Commissioner), Brian Sandel (Citizen at Large), Frank Storm (Chair, Citizen at Large) and Kurt Schneider (Chisago County Environmental Services/Zoning).

Also present: Dan Fabian (MN Board of Water & Soil Resources), Garret Miller (Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District), Jerry Spetzman (Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District), Betty-Jo Thorsten (Chisago County Public Health), Courtney Wehrenberg (Chisago County Public Health) and Susanna Wilson Witkowski (Water Resource Manager).

The Chair, Frank Storm, called the business meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. It was determined that a quorum of members were present.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Eret offered a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team meeting. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Mell and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Eret, Mell, Robinson, Sandel, Storm and Schneider. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Mold, Nelson and Nowicki.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Eret offered a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team member Sandel and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion carries as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Eret, Mell, Robinson, Sandel, Storm and Schneider. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Mold, Nelson and Nowicki.

Citizen At Large Term

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the Citizen at Large term, which expired on January 1, 2020.

Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) process. This included:

- a. Summary for Organizational Arrangements,
- b. Formal Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Participation in the 1W1P Process,
- c. Policy Committee Meeting Updates (November 25, 2019),
- d. Implementation Program Areas and Actions,
- e. Chisago County Appendix to the 1W1P,
- f. Next Steps for Implementation Table, Appendix and Full Draft Plan Approval, and
- g. Watershed Based Funding Prioritization.

Invasive Phragmites monitoring summary

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the St. Croix River Association, 2019 Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District phragmites monitoring summary.

Noxious Weed & Invasive Plant Grant

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the application submitted by Chisago County for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture – Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant for 2020.

2020 Activities

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the plan for 2020 activities. This included:

- a. Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention,
- b. Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Program Coordination,
- c. Water Quality Monitoring,
- d. Children's Water Festival (September 17, 2020), and
- e. Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan (1W1P).

DNR Newsletter

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the MN Department of Natural Resources, Hinckley Area Fisheries Office newsletter – Winter 2019-2020.

Habitattitude

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the Habitattitude Surrender & Auction event on January 18, 2020.

Agency Updates

Spetzman provided an update on activities within the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District including the upcoming Annual Meeting and Election. Fabian provided an update on One Watershed One Plan, progress reports and competitive grant applications. Miller provided an update on the Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District aquatic invasive species program, the Bone Lake zebra mussel rapid response plan, and 2019 invasive phragmites treatment.

The next meeting of the Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2020.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Mell offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Eret and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion carries as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Eret, Mell, Robinson, Sandel, Storm and Schneider. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Mold, Nelson and Nowicki.