

**MINUTES**  
**Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team**  
**Monday, February 10, 2020**

The Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2020 in the Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility Conference Room with the following Policy Team members present: 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) Kurt Schneider (Chisago County Environmental Services/Zoning) and Betty-Jo Thorsten (Chisago County Public Health).

Also present: Garret Miller (Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District) and Susanna Wilson Witkowski (Water Resource Manager).

The Chair, Frank Storm, called the business meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. It was determined that a quorum of members were present.

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

**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. Policy Committee Meeting Updates (January 27, 2020),
- b. Timeline for Implementation Table, Appendix and Full Draft Plan 60 Day Review and Approval,

Water Plan Policy Team Member Storm offered a motion to recommend to the Chisago County Board of Commissioners to have Commissioner Chris DuBose make the decision at an upcoming One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) Policy Committee meeting to submit the draft Lower St. Croix River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the 60-day review by State agencies. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team member Mell and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion carries as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Mell, Robinson, Sandel, Storm, Schneider and Thorsten. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Eret, Mold and Nelson.

- c. Review the Draft Objectives of the Chisago County Appendix to the 1W1P, and

Water Plan Policy Team Member Storm offered a motion to merge the Objectives identified to remain in the draft Chisago County Local Water Management Plan Appendix of the Lower St. Croix River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team member Sandel and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion carries as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Mell, Robinson, Sandel, Storm, Schneider and Thorsten. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Eret, Mold and Nelson.

- d. Stakeholder Public Input Meetings on February 20 and March 2, 2020 (4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.).

### **Wastewater Permit**

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the Public Notice of Intent from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to reissue the wastewater permit at the North Branch Wastewater Treatment Facility.

### **Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants**

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources - Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grants available for treatment of curly-leaf pondweed, Eurasian watermilfoil and flowering rush in 2020.

### **Metro Carp Management Group**

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the new Metro Carp Management Group that is forming to share carp management strategies and exchange information. Chisago County and Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District staff are joining this new group.

### **Minnesota State Noxious Weed List Updates**

Wilson Witkowski and Policy Team Member Mell provided an update on the recent changes to the Minnesota State Noxious Weed List.

### **Upcoming Workshops/Conferences**

Wilson Witkowski updated the Board on the upcoming State of Water Conference on April 30 – May 1, 2020.

### **Agency Updates**

Miller provided an updated on the Comfort Lake - Forest Lake Watershed District preseason planning efforts for the aquatic invasive species program and watercraft inspections. Policy Team Member Mell provided an update on the Mississippi River Basin Watershed Initiative (MRBI) for the Rush and Goose Lake/Creek watershed.

The next meeting of the Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2020.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Storm offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Sandel and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion carries as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Mell, Robinson, Sandel, Storm, Schneider and Thorsten. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Eret, Mold and Nelson