

**MINUTES**  
**Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team**  
**Monday, March 11, 2019**

The Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 11, 2019 in the Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility Conference Room with the following Policy Team members present: John Eret (Citizen at Large), Craig Mold (Chisago SWCD), Donna Nowicki (Citizen at Large), Mike Robinson (County Commissioner), and Brian Sandel (Citizen at Large).

Also present: Susanna Wilson Witkowski (Water Resource Manager), Jerry Spetzman (Administrator, Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District), and Craig Mell (Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District).

With the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Craig Mell acted as temporary chair and called the business meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Eret offered a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2019 and February 11, 2019 Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team meetings. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Nowicki and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Eret, Mold, Nowicki, Robinson, and Sandel. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Larkin, Nelson, Schneider.

Through consensus Policy Team members approved the agenda.

**Presentation – 2018 Annual Reports**

Wilson Witkowski and Spetzman gave a presentation summarizing the 2018 Water Resources annual reports. This included Water Quality Monitoring, Aquatic Invasive Species, County Water Resources and the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District.

**Citizen At-Large Term Expirations**

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on Citizen At-Large term expiration dates approved by the Chisago County Board of Commissioners on February 20, 2019. All terms begin and end on January 1.

**Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan**

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the One Watershed One Plan process. The One Watershed One Plan process is likely to continue into 2020. The Policy Team accepted Policy Team and staff recommendations on revisions to the objectives in the Chisago County Local Water Management Plan 2013-2023 to assist in the One Watershed One Plan process.

**Aquatic Invasive Species Program Updates**

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the 2019 Chisago County Aquatic Invasive Species program. This includes:

- Watercraft Inspections,
- Zebra Mussel Watch program monitoring plates,

- Zebra Mussel veliger sampling,
- Starry Trek (August 17, 2019),
- Invasive Phragmites workshop (April 24, 2019),
- Invasive Phragmites flyer,
- Aquatic Plan Point Intercept surveys on North & South Goose, Little Comfort, North Lindstrom and Wallmark Lakes, and
- University of Minnesota AIS Detector training.

### **2019 Water Summit**

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the upcoming 2019 Water Summit hosted by the Freshwater Society.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Eret offered a motion to provide funds from the Water Plan budget for the cost of registration for up to three (3) Citizen at Large members to participate in the 2019 Water Summit. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team member Nowicki and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion carries as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Eret, Mold, Nowicki, Robinson, and Sandel. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Larkin, Nelson, Schneider.

### **Agency Updates**

Mell provided an update on the nitrate-testing program sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Nitrate levels are elevated in limited areas in Chisago County. Chisago SWCD has applied for more than \$300,000 in state Clean Water Funds.

Spetzman provided an update on upcoming Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District activities. This includes LID funding for aquatic invasive species treatment and a district wide invasive phragmites road survey.

The next regular meeting of the Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2019.

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