

MINUTES
Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team
Monday, May 14, 2018

The Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2018 in the Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility Conference Room with the following Policy Team members present: Donna Nowicki (Citizen at Large), Mike Robinson (County Commissioner), Kurt Schneider (Vice Chair, Chisago Environmental Services/Zoning) Frank Storm (Chair, Citizen at Large), and Craig Mell (representing Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District in place of Craig Mold).

Also present: Susanna Wilson Witkowski (Water Resource Manager), Jerry Spetzman (Administrator, Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District), John Freitag (Minnesota Department of Health), and Erin Edison (Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District).

The Chair, Frank Storm, called the business meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Nowicki offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team meeting. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Robinson and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Mell, Nowicki, Robinson, Schneider and Storm. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Amundson, Eret, Larkin.

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

Wilson Witkowski and Mell gave an update on the Chisago County Water Plan amendment process and inclusion of a summary of watercourses (Chisago SWCD, Resolution No. 2017-04-01 Local Water Resources Riparian Protection in Chisago County).

Water Plan Policy Team member Mell offered a motion to recommend that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners accept a summary of watercourses, Chisago SWCD Resolution No. 2017-04-01, as an addendum to the Chisago County Local Water Management Plan and provide notice to agencies, organizations and individuals that are required to receive a copy of the plan changes. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Nowicki and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Mell, Nowicki, Robinson, Schneider and Storm. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Amundson, Eret, Larkin.

Robinson, Mell and Wilson Witkowski gave an update on the Lower Saint Croix One Watershed One Plan and the Policy Committee meeting, which was held on April 30, 2018.

Wilson Witkowski gave an update on the upcoming Lower St. Croix River watershed – 2019/2010 intensive watershed monitoring. Chisago County is requesting that East & West Rush Lakes be included in the monitoring.

Wilson Witkowski gave an update on the Lower St. Croix River watershed – deferred cycle 1 impairments and provided information on new impairments to be included.

Wilson Witkowski gave an update on the Aquatic Invasive Species prevention program. 7 watercraft inspectors are returning from last season, 5 new employees will be hired. The decontamination unit will be out soon at the 10 busiest accesses. A new seasonal AIS specialist will be hired for education, outreach and implementing the zebra mussel monitoring plate program. Frankie's Bait and Marine will be sponsoring the annual Chisago County carp bow fishing tournament. The carp collected in the tournament will be weighed, measured and aged by lake to provide countywide information on carp populations.

Wilson Witkowski invited policy team members to the upcoming Chisago & Washington County's lakes meeting on May 17, 2018. Don Pereira, MN DNR fisheries, is the invited speaker.

Agency updates. Freitag gave an update on the Minnesota Department of Health's anticipated participation in the One Watershed One Plan process. Spetzman gave an update on possible maintenance of the channel between North Center and North Lindstrom Lakes. Edison gave an update on hiring Seasonal Technicians and the recent resignation of Mike Sorenson. Mell gave an update on buffers.

The next Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team is scheduled for Monday, July 9, 2018.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Robinson offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Mell and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Mell, Nowicki, Robinson, Schneider and Storm. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Amundson, Eret, Larkin.