

MINUTES
Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team
Monday, September 9, 2019

The Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2019 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 Soil and Water Conservation District standing in for Policy Team member Craig Mold), Larry Nelson (Citizen at Large), Mike Robinson (County Commissioner), Brian Sandel (Citizen at Large), Frank Storm (Chair, Citizen at Large) and Kurt Schneider (Chisago Environmental Services/Zoning).

Also present: John Freitag (MN Department of Health), Jerry Spetzman (Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District) 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 Nelson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019 Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team meeting. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Eret and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Eret, Mell, Nelson, Robinson, Sandel, Storm and Schneider. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Mold and Nowicki.

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

Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the One Watershed One Plan process along with the August 26, 2019 Policy Committee meeting, Implementation program areas and actions, and Objectives in the Chisago County Local Water Management Plan.

Aquatic Invasive Species Program Updates

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

- Watercraft inspections and decontaminations
- St. Croix 360 and Fox 9 News Decontamination Blitz stories
- Starry Trek (August 17, 2019)
- Water access monitoring program
- AIS outreach and education
 - Shafer Days, Almelund Apple Festival, and Scouting Day
 - 2019 Chisago County Children’s Water Festival AIS stations

Chisago County Children's Water Festival

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the upcoming Chisago County Children's Water Festival (September 19, 2019) and the need for a few more volunteers.

Upcoming Workshops/Conferences

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on upcoming workshops and conferences:

- St. Croix River Association Best Management Practices Tour (September 17, 2019)
- AIS Research & Management Showcase (September 18, 2019)
- Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District tour (September 21, 2019)
- Community Summit for a Livable Planet (September 25, 2019)
- Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District and Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District tour (September 25, 2019)
- St. Croix River Research Rendezvous (October 22, 2019)

Water Plan Policy Team Member Mell offered a motion to provide funds for up to three Citizen at Large members of the Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team to attend the Aquatic Invasive Species Research and Management Showcase on September 18, 2019 and/or the St. Croix River Research Rendezvous on October 22, 2019. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Schneider and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Eret, Mell, Nelson, Robinson, Sandel, Storm and Schneider. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Mold and Nowicki.

Minnesota State Buffer Law

Mell provided an update and status of the Minnesota State Buffer Law.

Agency Updates

Spetzman provided an update on activities within the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District including possible maintenance of the channel between North Center and North Lindstrom lakes. Freitag provided an update on available Wellhead Protection grants and possible groundwater specific grants. Mell provided an update on Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District Clean Water Fund and federal grant applications.

The next regular meeting of the Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Mell offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:56 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, Nelson, Robinson, Sandel, Storm and Schneider. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Mold and Nowicki.