

MINUTES
Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team
Monday, September 10, 2018

The Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2018 in the Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility Conference Room with the following Policy Team members present: John Eret (Citizen at Large), Craig Mold (Soil & Water Conservation District), Donna Nowicki (Citizen at Large), Mike Robinson (County Commissioner), Kurt Schneider (Vice Chair, Chisago Environmental Services/Zoning) and Frank Storm (Chair, 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).

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 July 9, 2018 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, Mold, Nowicki, Robinson, Schneider and Storm. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Amundson, Larkin, Sandel.

Water Plan Policy Team Member ____ offered a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of agenda item One Watershed One Plan Healthy Water & Lands Workshop. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team member ____ and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion carries as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** Eret, Mold, Nowicki, Robinson, Schneider and Storm. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Amundson, Larkin, Sandel.

Wilson Witkowski informed the Policy Team that the Chisago County Board of Commissioners appointed Paul Sandel as a new Citizen at Large member of the Policy Team.

Wilson Witkowski gave an update on the Rum River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P). Approximately 2% of Chisago County is within the boundaries of the Rum River Watershed. The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources approved the Rum River 1W1P planning grant. Chisago County is not participating in the Rum River 1W1P.

Wilson Witkowski gave an update on the Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan (1W1P). On August 15, 2018, the Chisago County Board of Commissioners appointed Commissioner George McMahon to serve as an alternate member to the Policy Committee. Wilson Witkowski gave updates on the August 16, 2018 Advisory Committee meeting, the August 27, 2018 Policy Committee meeting and Workshop on the River, the upcoming Healthy Water & Lands Workshop on September 26, 2018, and the Priority Concerns and Goals of Local Water Management entities. The Team reviewed the list of current Priority Concerns and Goals in the Chisago County Local Water Management Plan and identified two additional or new Priority concerns to include for the Lower St. Croix 1W1P.

Wilson Witkowski gave an update on the Aquatic Invasive Species program. An aquatic plant Point-Intercept survey was completed for West Rush Lake in July of 2018. Zebra Mussel Watch training took place on August 1, 2018. 22 zebra mussel monitoring plates have been distributed to 9 lakes with public water accesses in Chisago County. Starry Trek took place on August 18, 2018. During Starry Trek, fourteen volunteers surveyed 11 Chisago County public water accesses. Volunteers did not find Starry Stonewort at any of these accesses. As of July 31, 2018, Chisago County Watercraft Inspectors have completed over 8,750 watercraft inspections.

Wilson Witkowski provided information on upcoming workshops, conferences and festivals. The Aquatic Invasive Species Research and Management Showcase will take place on September 12, 2018. The Chisago Children's Water Festival will take place on September 27, 2018. The St. Croix Research Rendezvous will take place on October 9, 2018. The Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference will take place on October 15-18, 2018.

Agency updates: Mell gave updates on SWCD fall agricultural projects, Clean Water grant and upcoming spring activities. Spetzman gave updates on Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District water quality monitoring, Chisago Lake aquatic plant vegetation survey, and channel maintenance. Schneider gave updates on Chisago County ditches and ditch viewing.

The next Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Robinson offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m. 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, Schneider and Storm. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Amundson, Larkin, Sandel.