



# Cannon River

## One Watershed, One Plan

“Aligning local water planning on major watershed boundaries with state strategies towards prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation plans”

### Minutes

#### Policy Committee Meeting

January 23, 2019

Rice County Government Services Building  
320 Third St NW, Faribault, MN 55021

**Policy Committee Members:** Brad Anderson (Goodhue County), Kevin Chamberlain (Dakota SWCD), Doug Christopherson (Waseca County), Richard Cook (Rice SWCD), Rick Gnemi (Steele County), Cletus Gregor (Le Sueur SWCD), Dan Hansen (Steele SWCD), James Hedeem (Belle Creek WD), Jeff Beckman (Goodhue SWCD), Galen Malecha (Rice County), Keith Morgan (Waseca SWCD), Mike Slavik (Dakota County), Steven Rohlfing (Le Sueur County), Peg Varien (North Cannon River WMO).

**Also in Attendance:** Brad Becker (Dakota County staff), Brad Behrens (Rice County staff), Mark Leiferman (Waseca County staff), Ashley Gallagher (Dakota SWCD staff), Eric Gulbransen (Steele SWCD staff), Beau Kennedy (Goodhue SWCD staff), Holly Kalbus (Le Sueur County staff), Shaina Keseley (BWSR), Dave Copland (BWSR), Dale Oolman (Steele County staff), Steve Pahs (Rice SWCD staff), Glen Roberson (Goodhue SWCD staff), Mark Schaetzke (Waseca SWCD staff), Mike Schultz (Le Sueur SWCD staff), Brian Watson (Dakota SWCD staff), Camilla Correll (EOR)

1. Call to Order

Chair Rohlfing called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

2. Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Anderson, second by Gnemi to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Cook, second by Gregor to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2018 Policy Committee meeting. Motion carried.**

4. Invoices for Payment

Gallagher mentioned that the fiscal agent, Rice SWCD, has submitted a request for additional funds to Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). This as well as the full use of the contingency funds is reflected in the updated budget column.

**Motion by Cook, second by Anderson to recommend approval of invoices for payment. Motion carried.**

5. Draft Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

Watson presented the Draft JPA. The Request for Board Action included in the Board packets outlined the comments received from county attorneys and changes made. There was discussion on the tiers for membership dues, as drafted it seems as Belle Creek Watershed District (BCWD) and North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization (NCRWMO) residents could be paying portions of membership dues through local property taxes three times due to geographical overlap. Staff noted that dues would be set annually and that the future Joint Powers Board could choose to not have any membership dues be paid by these entities in a given year, but having everyone listed reiterates the team approach to watershed management. Options discussed included removing BCWD and NCRWMO, adding a caveat that BCWD and NCRWMO only pay dues if projects are planned in their jurisdictions, only counties pay dues and adding a fourth tier just for BCWD and NCRWMO. Upon approval of the JPA staff would bring to their respective Boards for approval.

**Motion by Galen, second by Slavik to approve the JPA with the addition of a fourth membership dues tier for BCWD and NCRWMO where their maximum annual dues would be \$500. Motion carried.**

6. Draft Plan

Correll presented an overview of the Draft Plan, work planning, what the first year may look like and next steps. Board asked what BWSR's concerns were over the past few months and whether those concerns have been addressed. Response was that concerns mostly revolved around the measurability of goals and the use of tools for targeting and measuring. Staff have had multiple meetings and conference calls with BWSR staff to determine what was needed. A number of additions were made to the plan to address concerns including adding tables showing measurability of goals, justification for goals, and a table for targeting and measuring tools. The 60-day and 90-day review process does still allow for changes to be made if they are needed based upon comments received.

The Board asked who the official notice is sent to. The 60-day planning notice is required to be sent to state agencies and affected entities including cities, townships, counties, adjacent entities and the Metropolitan Council due to the involvement of metro entities.

**Motion by Cook, second by Christopherson to submit the Draft Plan for 60-day review. Motion carried.**

7. Schedule

Gallagher presented details on the schedule that was included in the meeting packet. The schedule includes all required elements that are written in statute as well as some extra meetings that will help ensure public awareness and input. It was stressed that this is an ideal schedule and one item could potentially shift the entire schedule

Staff were directed to look into February 20<sup>th</sup> as an alternate date for the Open House due to the Association of MN Counties legislative conference on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion by Anderson, second by Slavik to approve the meeting schedule as presented, including Policy Committee meeting March 13<sup>th</sup>, and Public Hearing and Policy Committee meeting on April 24th. Motion carried.**

8. Adjourn

**Motion by Hedeem, second by Hansen to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Galen Malecha". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Galen Malecha, Secretary

Cannon River Watershed 1W1P Policy Committee