

Cannon River 1W1P

Technical Advisory Group

Meeting #7 Notes

April 18, 2018

9:00am – 11:00 am

Web-Ex and Conference Call

Technical Advisory Group: Cole Johnson (*City of Northfield*), Shaina Keseley (*BWSR*), Melissa King (*City of Faribault*), Peggy Obear (*PIIC*), Todd Piepho (*DNR*), Emily Resseger (*Met Council*), Bob Stark (*Red Wing*), Justin Watkins (*MPCA*)

Planning Work Group: Haley Byron (*Waseca County*), Ashley Gallagher (*Dakota SWCD*), Eric Gulbransen (*Steele SWCD*), Beau Kennedy (*Goodhue SWCD*), Holly Kalbus (*LeSueur County*), Josh Mankowski (*LeSueur County*), Steve Pahs (*Rice SWCD*), Glen Roberson (*Goodhue SWCD*), Mark Schaetzke (*Waseca SWCD*), Brian Watson (*Dakota SWCD*).

Advisory Staff: Camilla Correll (*EOR*), Meghan Funke (*EOR*), Jenny Mocol-Johnson (*BWSR*), Steve Christopher (*BWSR*), Julie Westerlund (*BWSR*)

❖ Meeting Format

- Format was changed due to anticipated driving conditions. Participants logged in to see documents via Web-ex and called in for audio via conference call. No in person meeting was held.

❖ Goals and Issues Document Changes

- Drinking Water
 - Two additional goals (#3 and #4) were added with input from MDH. Question as to why Goal 4 only focused on soil health BMPs when other BMPs such as Irrigation Water Management may also be applicable. EOR will coordinate with MDH and if there was no specific reason, they will update the goal to include broader range of BMPs.
- Flooding
 - Belle Creek Watershed District (BCWD) would like to adopt the 1W1P as their plan but there is concern that their PL-566 structures are not addressed. They could fit into the Flooding Issue. This led to greater discussion as to how to incorporate Watershed Districts in to 1W1P Plans and what have others done.
 - Yellow Medicine has incorporated the Watershed District CIP into the 1W1P Plan. BCWD does not have a CIP; their primary goal is maintenance of the structures.
 - Root has incorporated Crooked Creek activities if applicable to the goals in the 1W1P.
 - Some concern with the use of 'maintain' structures as the Plan is supposed to further water quality not just maintain. Examples of maintenance for BCWD could include sediment removal, vegetation management, and valve maintenance/replacement. Maintain is used in other goals as well and seems appropriate in those goals.
 - There should be broader goals than just for BCWD. Need to determine the relation to resource concern issues or landscape alterations issues.
 - There was reference to BWSR Plan Content, version 2.0 on local priority versus watershed priority.
 - North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization would also like to adopt 1W1P Plan as their Plan but has similar concerns/constraints as BCWD.
 - There will most likely be an implementation table for both BCWD and NCRWMO.
 - EOR recommended adding all other BCWD and NCRWMO plan content in a proposed Section 1.4 of the Goals document: Priorities for Local Watershed Management Organizations
- Climate Change
 - At the last meeting it was suggested to review certain climate action plans. EOR reviewed plans and added activities to the Climate Change portion of the plan.

❖ Draft Implementation Table

➤ Summary

- Outline matches the word document, with the three main sections of Resource Concerns, Landscape Concerns and Socioeconomic Concerns each having their own tab. The first tab is the summary of all activities. Monitoring Data is the only Tier 2 issue in the Implementation Table as it seems it may rise to Tier 1.
- There is a dollar amount and/or Full Time Equivalent (FTE) for each activity. FTE was added based upon conversation at the March TAG meeting; it can be renamed to something else. This is where a great deal of input is needed.

➤ Each Tab

- Activities in the word document, which were originally just pulled from existing plans, have been pared down and those are now incorporated into the draft Implementation Table.
- The table is set up with filters, so you can sort information many different ways such as priority areas and how many dollars are going to each area.
- There is a summary at the top of each tab for that section of activities.
- The column for 10 year cost is only summing dollars not FTE
- Sources of Cost Information varies, but is documented in that column. Input is needed here, as some are just placeholders right now.
- A Project Lead column will need to be added
- The Project Partners column is not comprehensive right now. This is also a good column for agencies/cities/partners to review to ensure that if they are listed it is something that they can provide.

➤ Comments

- This table will be the most referenced part of the plan.
- Why are we including FTE? Responses include that it is useful for work planning, grant writing or helping to think about shared resources or contracting for services. If we use FTE we should also explain how we got FTE numbers, and this could be difficult. FTE numbers and explanations on how we got FTE number will not be used within the final plan; it will only be used internally for planning purposes.
- If cost information is covered by another program it should not be included.
- Need to consider existing time versus new time for planning efforts. When communicating this to the Policy Committee, explain the differences so they are not shocked by the amount of need for staff that might be expressed.
- Discussion on the format of the table. Clarification was provided that this is a working document; the final format that is printed in the Plan can be different. However, there is certain information that must be included.
- Each activity should only be in the table once, even if there is overlap between goals.

➤ Review Guidance

- Instructions will be sent out for how to provide input. If providing electronic feedback, change cell color to yellow and text to red. Can also print and write comments.
- TAG members can add activities or strike thru existing activities. TAG can/should reach out to co-workers but should submit only one set of revisions.
- Send all comments to Ashley by May 7th. She will then meet with Camilla to incorporate into draft.

❖ **BWSR Guidance Documents**

- There were questions on the status of BWSR guidance for Targeting Implementation Activities, Constructing a Target Implementation Schedule and Accounting for Local Funds. BWSR will be able to send those out later in the day. They commented that it looks like we are on the right track and format is consistent with guidance. It will be a good table to maintain as an internal working document as well.

❖ **Next Steps**

- Next meeting will be **May 16th**, 9am at the Rice County Government Services Building.
- **Homework:** Review and provide input on contents of the draft Implementation Table.