

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE  
PINE RIVER ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN**

A regular meeting of the Policy Committee (PC) was held at the Cass County Land Department meeting room in Backus, MN, and called to order by Chair Jeff Peterson at 1:00 p.m. on February 27, 2019. Members present: Bill Brekken, Commissioner, Crow Wing County; Joann Weaver, Supervisor, Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD); Jeff Peterson, Commissioner, Cass County; and Jim Ballenthin, Cass Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Other attendees and staff support personnel: Kelly Condiff, Cass ESD/SWCD; Melissa Barrick, Crow Wing SWCD; Jacob Frie, Crow Wing Land Services; Moriya Rufer (RMB Labs); Chris Pence (BWSR); Jeff Hubres (BWSR); George Minerich (MNDH); and Mathew Kallroos and Tad Erickson (R5DC).

**MSP** Approved proposed Agenda, copy attached.

**MSP** Approved Minutes of meeting of January 9, 2019.

**MSP** Approved payment of expenses

- RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc. \$4323.00
- Crow Wing SWCD \$1422.36

**MSP** Approved Change Order to reallocate unused funds in the amount of \$19,235.67 from Budget Line Item Task 3.4 – Develop P-Loading/Lake evaluation to Budget Line Item 3.6 – Write Plan Final Review Draft, resulting in a \$0.00 balance in Line Item 3.4 (P-Loading) and a new budget amount of \$39,236 in Line Item 3.6 (Write Plan).

**MSP** Amend the Work Plan, subject to BWSR approval, and authorize Melissa Barrick to seek BWSR approval

- to amend the Work Plan to permit use of \$20,000 of unallocated Plan funds for implementation to research and inventory agricultural lands in the South Fork of the Pine River
  - which may be subject to erosion, and which as a result of erosion may contribute phosphorus to the watershed; and
  - which may reduce phosphorus loading through improved pasture management and/or soil health practices;
- to permit use of the \$20,000 as match funds for an additional grant for these purposes; and
- if the amendment is approved by BWSR, to seek and obtain additional grant funding, and subject to obtaining necessary funding, employ a local agricultural producer in the South Fork of the Pine River as a consultant to conduct the research and inventory.

**Review and Discussion** of Section 6 (Implementation and Goals) and Section, 8 (Plan Administration) of the proposed Pine River Watershed – One Watershed One Plan.

- Proposed Pine 1W1P Plan to be presented for comment by March 20, 2019, to the Boards of Commissioners of Cass County and Crow Wing County and the Supervisors of the Cass SWCD and Crow Wing SWCD at their respective March 2019 meetings.
- Comments offered by the Commissioners and Supervisors to be considered by the Policy Committee at its scheduled meeting on March 27, 2019.
- Intent is to have a final Proposed Pine 1W1P by April 1, 2019, for submission to Minnesota State Agencies for their review and comment. Additional comments may be offered by County Commissioners and County SWCD's.

**Review and Discussion** of proposed Executive Summary of the Pine 1W1P.

- Amendment of Plan Goals requires amendment of the Plan
- Tasks to achieve goals and goal priorities may be changed without amendment of the Plan if the changes are consistent with achieving the goals and priorities.

**Meeting Schedule:** Policy Committee next meets at 1:00 p.m. on March 27, 2019, in Backus.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Jim Ballenthin, Secretary

## AGENDA

Pine River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)  
Regular Meeting

02/27/2019 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cass County Land Department

218 Washburn Ave E  
Backus, MN 56435

1. Call to Order
2. Agenda Approval
3. Approval Secretary Report
4. Invoice Payment and Change Order RMB Labs **(Decision)**
5. Recap from Advisory Committee Meeting
6. Draft Implementation Structure (Review and Discuss)
7. Implementation Table (Review and Discuss)
8. Next Policy Committee Meeting -March 27, 2019 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Backus
9. Adjournment