## Two Rivers Plus One Watershed, One Plan

## **Policy Committee**

Meeting #7 Minutes

Date: 08/20/2020

Time: 9:30 AM-12.30 PM

Location: Upstairs Meeting room Kittson County Courthouse/ Webex

Staff Support:

Note taker: Justin Muller, Jeremy Benson

Policy Committee Members listed below

**Present:** 

Local Staff/Webex

**BWSR Staff** 

Pre-work:

Review Section 5 Implementation Schedule.

Policy

Joe Wilebski (KSWCD), Leon Olson (Kittson County), Rick Sikorski (TRWD), Heather Peterson (KSWD),

Committee:

Webex: Landon Olson (RSWCD),

- Call Meeting to order: Chairman Landon Olson
  - 9:36 AM
- Minutes from June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - Leon Olson motioned to approve June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 minutes.
  - Joe Wilebski Seconded
  - None Opposed

## Synopsis:

- Jeremy Benson gave an update on what the Steering Team has completed in Section 5. Stated that this section has not been through the TAC/CAC and that this PC Meeting is for the PC members to review and make sure that major issues are highlighted within each planning zone.
- Dan Money presented Section 5 Implementation Schedule to the Policy Committee.
  - Jeremy explained what all went into the different funding levels and how that pertained to setting the goals in Section 4. Explained how the projects and practices within PTMApp were chosen from the top 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of most cost-effective practices, and how the costs associated with these practices where chosen from the top 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of the top 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of most cost-effective practices. Explained that through this process Source Reduction/Non-Structural Land Management Practices came out to be the most practices to implement.
  - Dan Money presented the Planning Zone Profiles and the information that went into each profile, (existing conditions, related problems, solution alternatives, natural resources, accomplishments, and PTMApp feasible projects). Due to time only 6/11 Planning Zones were reviewed. PC members are to review this section and comment later with any concerns.
  - Joe Wilebski would like it to be noted in the North Branch Planning Zone that the Skull Lake Operation and Maintenance Plan has been failing and that it should be addressed in the profile as well as/or Section 6 Implementation Programs/Capital Improvements.
- Jeremy Benson presented Section 6 Implementation Programs to the Policy Committee.
  - Stated that the Policy Committee must define what they would like to see written in as capital improvements. Policy Committee agreed to define Capital Improvements as: Any Project/Improvement that will be operated and maintained by a local government unit or agency.
  - Presented a mock draft of Section 6 in how this section will include Capital Improvements, Implementation Programs, Data Collection and Monitoring as well as Outreach Actions. The goal is to have this section drafted and through the TAC/CAC before the October 15<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee meeting.
- Matt Fischer presented on options for the Policy Committee to consider when thinking ahead to Section
   7 Plan Administration. Stated that he is not a lawyer and this is a very informal presentation and encouraged each LGU to talk with their lawyers before making this decision. Jeremy stated that Jennifer