

Sand Hill River 1W1P
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10th, 2023

Sand Hill River Watershed District, Fertile, MN

Policy Committee Members: Don Andringa (SHRWD), Ken Pederson (East Polk SWCD), Pete Revier (Mahnomen SWCD), Chris Cournia (West Polk SWCD), Eric Rockstad (Norman SWCD), and Joan Lee (Polk County Commissioner)

Staff: Nicole Bernd (West Polk SWCD), Rachel Klein (East Polk SWCD), Aaron Neubert (Mahnomen SWCD), Lori Thronson (Norman SWCD), April Swenby (SHRWD), and Zach Hermann (SHRWD-Houston Engineering)

BWSR Staff: Brett Arne

Consultant: Moriya Rufer (Houston Engineering)

Meeting Called to Order: 3:06pm

Welcome and Introductions

Section 2: Land and Water Resource Narrative was presented by Moriya Rufer. Motion to approve Section 2 by Eric Rockstad, Second by Ken Pederson. Motion carried unanimously.

Section 3: Priority Issues was presented by Moriya Rufer. A handout was provided and briefly discussed. The Advisory Committee did a thorough review of the document and made some changes at that Advisory Meeting. It was the Advisory Committee's recommendation to table this until the updates have been made.

Vision Statement: Created from a small sinuous channel pouring over the sand hills, the Sand Hill River Watershed District provides farming and recreational opportunities that preserve and promote economic sustainability while maintaining natural resources for future generations. Motion to approve the mission statement by Pete Revier, Second by Chris Cournia. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Steps:

Jan: HEI gather all data necessary to develop goals with the help from the Steering Committee and Advisory Committee.

Feb: Steering Committee meet to review and develop goal numbers and map, Run PTMapp.

March 14: Advisory Committee review draft goal numbers and maps.

Draft Plan ready by late summer is the goal.

Oct-Nov: Final Plan hopefully. Funds in 2024

Next meeting date will be **to be determined** and a notice will go out at least one week prior to the meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 3:25pm by Pete Revier, Second by Chris Cournia. Motion carried unanimously.

Ken Pederson 3/13/23