

Sand Hill River 1W1P
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024
Sand Hill River Watershed District, Fertile, MN

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

Staff: Nicole Bernd (West Polk SWCD), Rachel Klein (East Polk SWCD), Aaron Neubert (Mahnomen SWCD), April Swenby (SHRWD), Lori Thronson (Norman SWCD), and Jake Synder (Polk County Planning & Zoning).

BWSR Staff: Brett Arne & Henry Van Offelen

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Andringa at 9:05am

Reorganization of the Policy Committee:

- Chair: Don Andringa
- Vicechair: Ken Pederson
- Secretary: Chris Cournia

Motion to approve the reorganization of the Policy Committee by Chris Cournia, Seconded by Erik Rockstad.

February 15, 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve meeting minutes by Chris Cournia, Seconded by Pete Revier.

Approve the Implementation Agreement: Motion to approve the Implementation Agreement by Chris Cournia, Seconded by Pete Revier.

Minute Taker: Motion to approve East Polk SWCD as the minute taker for the Policy Meetings by Pete Revier, Seconded by Ken Pederson.

Meeting Schedule: It was decided that the Policy Committee will meet twice a year. Once in the Spring and once in the Fall for an update on projects and the grant process. The Steering Committee will continue to meet more regularly.

Bylaws: Nicole Bernd reviewed the Bylaws. Section 7, 1a the bullet point labeled 'a' will be removed. Motion to approve the Bylaws as modified by Chris Cournia, Seconded by Pete Revier. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Steps: The workplan will tentatively be submitted in eLink this month. Once the workplan is entered we will receive the money next month, tentatively May. The Steering Committee will continue to work together and meet regularly to implement the plan.

Next Meeting: November 20th, 2024 at 9am at the SHRWD.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:42am.


Secretary


Date 02/12/2025