

Two Rivers Plus One Watershed, One Plan	Policy Committee Meeting #10 Minutes	Date: 1/20/2021
		Time: 9:30AM- 12:00PM
		Location: Upstairs Meeting room Kittson County Courthouse/ Webex

Staff Support:

Note taker: Justin Muller, Jeremy Benson

Present: Policy Committee Members listed below
 Local Staff
 BWSR Staff/Webex

Pre-work: Review Full Plan Draft Comments

Policy Committee: Joe Wilebski (KSWCD), Theresia Gillie (Kittson County), Rick Sikorski (TRWD), Daryl Wicklund (Roseau County), Alts: Andrew Muir (KSWCD) Call In: Landon Olson (RSWCD)

- ❖ **Call Meeting to order 9:31AM: Chairman Landon Olson**
- ❖ **Change in the agenda- Dan Money is not present so he will not be presenting information. Jeremy Benson will be.**
 - Daryl Wicklund Motion
 - Rick Sikorski Second, none opposed.
- ❖ **Minutes from Meeting #10 December 17th, 2020**
 - Joe Wilebski motioned to approve Meeting #10 December 17th, 2020 minutes.
 - Theresia Gillie Second, none opposed
- ❖ **Synopsis:**
 - Jeremy Benson gave an update that the Steering Team has received comments through an informal review process and has worked through to address the comments but would like to present a few to the PC for discussion as far as addressing the issues. There were some content requirements that were missing. Janine, Justin and Jeremy put together a few documents to be considered to be added to the plan to address the content. Further discussion on these items will be had during the next part of the meeting.
 - Jeremy presented the Informal Review Comments.
 - Noted that the Steering Team had highlighted in yellow the issues that were to be discussed today with the PC as there are a lot of comments but nothing major.
 - Discussion was had on the comment regarding removing debris from watercourses. Stated that there are areas where debris causes back water that makes it impossible for emergency vehicles to get to residents. The debris is also limiting recreational use, making some stretches impassable. This is one of many issues causing capacity issues.
 - Discussion was had on the aquatic life impairments on ditches. Stated that ditches are meant to be dry for agricultural drainage. That is the priority of these, and we would like to keep it that way for future work on these systems.
 - Discussion was had on the Capital Improvements Table in Section 6. Stated that there were issues and goals laid out in the plan and that there weren't actions with cost estimates associated with them. There were some reservations as to what if we don't achieve any of these actions due to the process in which they have to take place under ditch law and petitions. Clarification in the table was noted to account for this in the plan. When reporting back on progress we can state that no petitions for these types of projects were received and that is why they were not completed.
 - Reviewed the addition to the missing content in Section 7. Noted that for implementation efforts we utilize the current Watershed District Citizens Advisory Committee.
 - **Joe Wilebski Motioned to approve authorize staff to make the necessary changes to the comments and the Final Draft be submitted upon completion.**
 - Theresia Gillie Second, none opposed
 - Next Meeting Scheduled for Feb. 18th, 2021 time and place TBD. Discussion will be had on comment changes and JPC Agreement.
- ❖ **Meeting Adjourned at 11:32 AM.**