



# Cannon River

## One Watershed, One Plan

“Aligning local water planning on major watershed boundaries with state strategies towards prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation plans”

### Minutes

#### Policy Committee Meeting

May 3rd, 2017

Rice County Government Services Building  
320 Third St NW, Faribault, MN 55021

**Policy Committee Members:** Brad Anderson (Goodhue County), Jeff Beckman (Goodhue SWCD), Richard Cook (Rice SWCD), Rick Gnemi (Steele County), Cletus Gregor (Le Sueur SWCD), Jayne Hager Dee (Dakota SWCD), Dan Hansen (Steele SWCD), James Hedeem (Belle Creek WD), Carrie Jennings (North Cannon River WMO), Dan Kuhns (Waseca County), Galen Malecha (Rice County), Steven Rohlfig (Le Sueur County), Mike Slavik (Dakota County).

**Also in Attendance:** Brad Becker (Dakota County staff), Brad Behrens (Rice County staff), Ashley Gallagher (Dakota SWCD staff), Eric Gulbransen (Steele/Waseca SWCD staff), Brian Harguth (Waseca County-Alternate to Policy Committee), Kelly Hunt (Waseca County staff), Beau Kennedy (Goodhue SWCD staff), Josh Mankowski (Le Sueur County staff), Jenny Mocol-Johnson (BWSR), Steve Pahs (Rice SWCD staff), Mike Schultz (Le Sueur SWCD staff), Brian Watson (Dakota SWCD staff), Camilla Correll (EOR), Meghan Funke (EOR), Jason Naber (EOR).

1. Call to Order

Chair Rohlfig called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

2. Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Jennings, second by Gnemi to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

3. Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Anderson, second by Hansen to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2017 Policy Committee meeting. Motion carried.**

4. Contract with Selected Consultant

The three primary staff from EOR that would be working the Cannon River 1W1P introduced themselves; Camilla Correll, Meghan Funke and Jason Naber. EOR is a small firm that focuses primarily on water, ecology and community. Their work is primarily with watershed districts and watershed management organizations, and they recently completed the North Shore 1W1P. Their goal for the Cannon River 1W1P would be to synthesis the large amount of data that is available, facilitate input and develop prioritized, targeted and measurable implementation

strategies. Watson reviewed the Request for Board Action (RBA) and that EOR ranked the highest in both the screening process and interviews.

**Motion by Hedeem, second by Anderson to award and execute contract with Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. for facilitating input and writing of watershed plan. Motion carried.**

5. Update on Advisory Committee

The stakeholder list was reviewed. Planning work group has assembled this list but is looking for more input. It was suggested that the following be added: parks and trails groups, port authorities (Red Wing), businesses along the river, outfitters (Welch, Cannon Falls, Dundas), and Cannon Valley bike trail. This list is fluid and will likely be added to throughout the planning process.

6. Update on Kick-Off meeting

Meeting space at South Central College in Faribault has been reserved for the evening of May 31<sup>st</sup>. The concept will be informal, with stations that allows for participants to move around gather information, and provide input in a variety of ways. The Planning Work Group will now begin to work with the EOR to plan and coordinate details. The Policy Committee would like to have a reminder email on the event.

7. Presentations from County/SWCD

Staff from each County and SWCD presented 3 slides on their portion of the watershed.

8. Next meeting

Scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9am at the same location, Rice County Government Services Building. Primary items will be invoices and updates on planning. Policy Committee would like email updates for months when they do not meet.

9. Adjourn

**Motion by Kuhns, second by Gnemi to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Galen Malecha, Secretary  
Cannon River Watershed 1W1 Policy Committee