**Lower St. Croix One Watershed, One Plan**

**Advisory Committee**

**October 11, 2018 Notes**

#### Adjust/Add to Issue Statements

#### Ranking of Issues

The first action was to collect individual rankings and then an average would be used to find the groups priority rankings by resource area. There was a question over whether to rank based on your individual organization or as a group as a whole. Laura suggested ranking as your individual organization as the averaging process would then create the group’s priorities as a whole. The A, B, C tiers do not mean that any issue is going to fall off the table.

#### Initial Reaction to Rankings

The biggest reaction was what to do when a local priority or issue was not reflected in the regional ranking.

#### Fist of 5 exercise

There was a question of the tiers could be adjusted before the “fist of 5” activity.

*Groundwater*

CLFLWD wanted soil health to be higher up as a regional importance. It was suggested for soil health to be combined with agriculture across all resource areas.

*Lakes*

Jerry said variable lake levels are a high priority locally but agreed with the ranking as a whole. There was agreement that there are local vs. regional priorities and that Watershed Districts have those local priorities covered but perhaps SWCD’s needed a call out for these local priorities included in the 1W1P. There was discussion of calling out local ordinances as a strategy within the priority rankings. Jen suggested a call-out box for local priorities but not to address strategies in the rankings.

*Rivers and Streams*

Additional monitoring and ditch maintenance was raised as a local priority for Isanti County, specifically ditch wetland drainage. There was also discussion in combining infrastructure standards with climate change into a local call out box and confusing issues, vs symptoms, vs strategies.

*Wetlands*

Isanti County raised additional monitoring as a local call-out.

*Upland Habitat*

*St Croix River and Lake St Croix*

Chisago County raised the question of local ordinances as an issue or a strategy.

*Social Capacity*

CLFLWD said long term stable funding for projects was not the issue so much as individual behavior. Angie Hong said funding for out-reach programs alone was non-existent but that it is difficult to find landowners willing to install BMP’s. She believes it should be combined with Individual Behavior changes.

#### Schedule next Advisory Committee meeting

The next scheduled meeting is November 8th, 2018 at 9:00am at the Forest Lake City Hall Community Room to discuss setting measurable goals.