

**Lower St. Croix Watershed: BWSR FY22-23 Metro Watershed-Based Implementation Funding Convene Meeting**

6.22.22 – Agenda:

1. Attendance (Roll Call)

a. Voting Members:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>
Ramsey County	Not Participating	n/a
Washington County	Tom Dietrich	X
Anoka SWCD	Jamie Schurbon	X
Washington CD	Jay Riggs	X
Brown’s Creek Watershed	Karen Kill	X
Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed	Mike Isensee	X
Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed	Jackie Anderson	X
Middle St. Croix Watershed	Matt Downing	X
South Washington Watershed	Matt Moore	X
Sunrise River WMO	Janet Hegland	X
Valley Branch Watershed	John Hanson	X
City - Woodbury	Kristin Seaman	X
City – Vacant	Vacant	

2. Rules of Engagement and Decision Process (5 – 7 mins)

3. Metro Funding Allocation Discussion (metro funds = \$807,509) (45 – 50 mins)

a. Background

b. Primary Questions

- i. How funds will be allocated in the planning area - do we want to pool all/part of the metro funds with the LSC 1W1P?
- ii. Are there specific projects we need to discuss?
- iii. Other considerations, questions, or comments?

4. Next Steps (3 - 5 mins)

a. Distribution of minutes

b. Options for next meeting

## **Meeting Minutes:**

Other members in attendance: Stephanie Souter, Washington County; Barbara Heitkamp, Washington Conservation District; Beth Carrero, Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District; Michelle Jordan, BWSR; Barb Peichel, BWSR; Emily Heinz, Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District; Craig Mell, Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District; Tiffany Determan, Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District; Dave Krugler, RFC Engineering.

The meeting was called to order at 1:04pm. The voting members unanimously supported Washington County staff facilitating the Convene Meeting and funding discussion.

After a brief review of methods the group could use to make decisions, Matt Moore made a motion for the group to use a super majority. Jackie Anderson seconded. All members voted unanimously to use a super majority to make decisions for the Convene Process (8 of 11 votes required for motions to pass).

There was a brief review of the decisions the LSC had made previously through the Convene Process, and how the LSC's Comprehensive Plan suggested WBIF be distributed amongst the organization's various programs. It was also outlined that the LSC's 2023 obligations total \$594,750, and there is \$471,070 in non-metro funding available. Some money from the metro dollars would be needed to cover the cost of obligations.

The Convene Group discussed the utilization of the current WBIF funds in 2022, and workplan costs into 2023. All voting representatives provided insight regarding the stance of their respective Boards and organizations regarding pooling of WBIF dollars. Jackie Anderson added that Comfort Lake Forest Lake, in addition to being in favor of pooling metro funds with the LSC, would like the LSC to notify metro partners that workplans/partners can be accepted.

Janet Heglund made a motion to combine metro and non-metro funding pools. Jay Riggs seconded. All voting representatives unanimously voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:35pm.