



Steering Committee Meeting

Zoom

Wednesday, June 28th, 2023

1:00PM

Attending: Tom Dietrich – Washington County, Barbara Heitkamp – EMWREP/LSC, Emily Heinz – CLFLWD, Jamie Schurbon – Anoka SWCD, Paul Swanson – Pine SWCD, Michelle Jordan – BWSR, Jay Riggs – WCD, Matt Moore – SWWD, Laura Jester – Keystone Waters LLC, Angela Defenbaugh – WCD, Becca Oldenburg – WCD, Todd Kulaf – Isanti SWCD, Matt Downing – MSCWMO, Kyle Axtell – SWWD, Karen Kill – BCWD, Ben Elfelt – Chisago Lakes LID

Call to Order – 1:00PM

Becca Oldenburg started the meeting at 1:02PM.

Approval of Minutes

No changes were made to the May 24th, 2023 minutes.

Administrative updates

No administrative updates.

FY21 WBIF Review

No updates to FY21 WBIF.

FY23 WBIF Review

Currently 70% of the funds have been encumbered and 17% have been spent. This grant agreement expires on 12/31/2025. No updates were given for A1, A2, A7, A8, A9, A10. Jay Riggs shared that meetings are occurring for street sweeping with Afton and MSCWMO communities for street sweeping under A3. Angela Defenbaugh shared that there are several projects that fall under the A3 have been funded by Clean Water dollars, including around 2,000 acres being used for no-till in Washington County. Todd Kulaf shared that Isanti has been reimbursed on one of their projects, another project is allocated and ready to go utilizing Clean Water dollars as well. Emily Heinz shared for A4 activities that the Sunrise River Highway 61 Wetland restoration is going well with the weir and pipe construction completed, the vegetation and restoration work remain. A5 updates were given by Barbara Heitkamp and included lots of activities happening, such as John Stevens field day and tours of farms. Paul Swanson shared that Pine SWCD will be having a cookout and welcomed people to attend and enjoy food and live music. Barbara Heitkamp also gave A6 updates sharing the success of the first Workshop on the Water and encouraging people to spread the word for the second Workshop. Barbara will be presenting with Jay Michels from EOR on MIDS at the upcoming Policy Committee Meeting. Kyle Axtell shared photos and some updates of the Trout Brook project, highlighting the remainder of the stream.

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[Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District - Isanti County - Isanti Soil and Water Conservation District](#)
[Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization - Pine County - Pine Soil and Water Conservation District](#)
[South Washington Watershed District - Valley Branch Watershed District - Washington County](#)
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Project Proposals & Reports

Matt Moore mentioned that SWWD will be submitting a street sweeping request in the future.

Old Business

The LSCP Non WBIF Draft Report was presented and discussed by Laura Jester. Laura highlighted that total combined Non WBIF and WBIF money spent equated to \$2.8m, and that 1,660.5 lbs. of phosphorus were reduced in 2022. Michelle Jordan suggested updating tables on page 16 to include reductions by waterbody. Laura asked about cutting the report off at page 7 since the rest of the report is redundant and focuses on WBIF projects. There was consensus to end the report at page 7.

New Business

No new business.

Other**Adjourn**

Becca Oldenburg called to adjourn at 1:28PM.