



Rainy Headwaters- Vermilion River 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, November 03, 2023	Time: 10 am - 12 pm	
Locations	Lower Conference Room CC102 Minnesota North College- Vermilion 1900 E Camp St. Ely, MN 55731	Commissioner’s Room Cook County Courthouse 411 West 2nd St Grand Marais, MN 55604
Attendees	Chair , Ann Sullivan (Cook County,) Vice-Chair , Paul McDonald (St. Louis County), Secretary , Chuck Bainter (North St. Louis SWCD), Policy Committee Member , Beth Hippert (Lake SWCD), Policy Committee Member , Rich Sve (Lake County), Policy Committee Member , Stan Tull (Cook SWCD), Becca Reiss, Tara Solem, Ilena Hansel, Phil Norvitch, Moriya Rufer, Jeff Hrubes, Lilian (Lake SWCD)	

Agenda Items

Topic	Purpose	Presenter
Review and approval of agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting called to order at 10:01 ● Sve made a motion to approve the agenda. Bainter gave support. Motion passed. 	Motion	
Review and approval of October minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● McDonald made a motion to approve the Oct 6, 2023 minutes. Sve gave support. Motion passed. 	Motion	
Guest Introductions & Comments	Information	
Summary of Stakeholder Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Solem & Hansel gave a summary of the Stakeholder meetings held on Oct 18 in Ely with 16 attendees from the public and Oct 24 online with 3 attendees from the public. Meetings were well received. ● A recording of the online meeting is available to watch on www.nslswcd.org/rrhwvr 	Information	Tara Solem (Lake SWCD) & Ilena Hansel (Cook SWCD)
Draft Plan Addition, Comments, Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Internal review period with the Advisory and Policy Committees resulted in 257 comments that were tracked. ● Additions from comments include a box section about AIS, additional actions after meeting with environmental staff from the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, city ordinances for Ely and Tower, and 	Discussion	Moriya Rufer (Houston Engineering) & Becca Reiss

moving sulfate information to an earlier section of the plan.		
<p>Approve plan for 60-day public review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reiss shared that the Advisory Committee recommended at the October 30 meeting for the Policy Committee to move forward with the 60-day public review process. ● Hippert made a motion to approve the draft Rainy Headwaters-Vermilion Watershed Management Plan for 60-day review beginning Tuesday, Nov 7th, 2023. Tull gave support. None oppose. Motion passed. 	Motion	Becca Reiss
<p>Implementation MOA & Resolutions Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reiss shared the status of moving towards an implementation agreement including that status of drafting an implementation MOA and resolution for partner boards to adopt. 	Information	Becca Reiss
<p>Timeline, Public hearing, & Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Date of public hearing & next policy committee meeting set for Friday, Jan 26th at 10 am with locations preferred at MN North- Vermilion, Fireside Lounge and a Community Center space on the Gunflint Trail. ● Reiss shared current budget status and possibilities of using any leftover funds. 	Information	Becca Reiss
<p>Adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sve made a motion to adjourn. Bainter gave support. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 am. 		