

 <p><b>KETTLE RIVER/UPPER ST. CROIX</b> ONE WATERSHED ONE PLAN</p>	<h2>Policy Meeting</h2>	Date: February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
		Time: 9:00am-11:00am
		Location: 1602 Hwy 23N Sandstone, MN

**Attendees:** Matt Ludwig, Dan Benzie, Kim Samuelson, Gary Peterson, Kim Johnson, Caleb Anderson, Paul Swanson, Melanie Bomier, Brad Matlack  
Erin Loeffler, Barb Peichel

**Reason:** Kettle River/Upper St. Croix 1W1P Planning Process Progress

**Facilitator:** Dan Benzie, Chair

## Agenda Items

Topic	Purpose	Lead	Time allotted
Approval of Agenda <b>M/S Ludwig/Peterson with addition of Plan Governance</b> and Meeting Minutes <b>Meeting Minutes will be sent before next PC meeting in March and approved at that time.</b>	Decide	Paul	10 min
Financial Report – Q4 – <b>Caleb Anderson presented the financial report, and the budget is on track.</b>	Inform	Caleb	15 min
Update on Planning Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topic Advisory Meetings</li> <li>• Issue Statement drafts</li> </ul> <b>Melanie Bomier provided an update on the topic meetings and draft issue statements. Some comments from the meeting include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consider including public access as its own issue area so that it is not lost. Even though it did not prioritize as the highest issue statement, the group thought that it was important to include. Brainstormed actions included signs, online recreation compass and online maps that include printable maps like what the St. Croix River has on their website.</b></li> <li>• <b>In the narrative of the report, make a clear connection that increasing forestry technical assistance, woodland stewardship planning &amp; implementation will help support the wood products industry by bringing more wood to market.</b></li> <li>• <b>Brainstormed forestry actions including education and outreach of woodland landowners, more woodland stewardship planning and increasing coordination of timber harvests.</b></li> </ul>	Inform	Melanie	60 min

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A new peatland restoration program is coming to help support peatland restoration actions.</b></li> <li>• <b>Soil health actions could fit under the “Barriers to conservation action” issue statement. This could be considered a protection activity.</b></li> <li>• <b>Education and outreach are a needed stormwater action.</b></li> </ul>			
<p>Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussed the pros and cons of a collaboration versus entity (Joint Powers) partnership for implementing the plan.</b></li> <li>• <b>The Pine County Attorney will present at a future meeting.</b></li> <li>• <b>Matt Ludwig indicated that he would rather not have weighted voting. It was also mentioned that majority voting should be used so that one entity does not have the ability to hold up the process.</b></li> </ul>			
<p>What’s Next?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Advisory Committee’s Input</b></li> </ul>	<p>Inform</p>	<p>Melanie/Paul</p>	<p>30 min</p>
<p>Adjourn-Next Meeting: March 9<sup>th</sup> 9am-11am <b>M/S Ludwig/Johnson at 11:00.</b></p>	<p>Discuss</p>	<p>Paul</p>	<p>5 min</p>