

	<h2>Policy Meeting</h2>	Date: January 11th, 2024
		Time: 9:00am-11:00am
		Location: North Pine Government Center 1602 Hwy 23N Sandstone, MN

Attendees:	Matt Ludwig, Kelly Johnson, Kim Samuelson, Gary Peterson, Kim Johnson, Melanie Bomier, Michelle Jordan Mike Gainor
Reason:	Kettle River/Upper St. Croix 1W1P Planning Process Progress
Facilitator:	Dan Benzie, Chair

Agenda Items

Topic	Purpos	Lead
Approval of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda M/S Johnson/Peterson • Meeting Minutes –August 30th & November 9th M/S Ludwig/Johnson 	Decide	Melanie
Discussion of the Duty Assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HEI, the planning consultant, will assist with the remaining plan review and editing steps with Paul’s assistance. • Paul will assist other local staff to present the plan at local board meetings if needed. • No changes to the budget are needed at this time. 		
Setting Public Meeting Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates for the public hearing were set for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandstone February 20th at 10:00 AM at the North Pine Government Center, 1602 Hwy 23 No., Sandstone • Carlton County February 26th at 4:00PM at the Carlton County Transportation Building, 1630 County Road 61, Carlton MN • M/S Peterson/Ludwig 	Decide	Paul/ Melanie
Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melanie presented information on the Implementation Agreement, Budget and Cost Share Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Policy Committee recommended that Pine County should be the fiscal agent for the purposes of implementing the plan. The Policy Committee would like to meet quarterly or as needed. Policy Committee members would like to receive periodic updates between meetings to share with their boards. The Policy Committee also recommended that the committee could extend the grant and move up to \$50,000 without approval from the individual boards. • The policy committee would like to have the individual boards approve a simplified budget which will allow local governments more flexibility to move funds between projects if needed. • Melanie Bomier presented cost-share policies of nearby watersheds. The policy committee can recommend policy’s to local boards to have shared cost-share rates if desired. The committee will have time in the future to decide what these policies could be in the Kettle River & USC Watershed. 	Discuss	Melanie

<p>Adjourn-Next Meeting: Will be determined, but likely in March. A new date may need to be scheduled due to conflicts with two policy committee members schedules</p> <p>Adjourned at 10:28 M/S Peterson/Johnson</p>	Discuss	Paul
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