

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

Attendees: Matt Ludwig, Kim Samuelson, Gary Peterson, Kim Johnson, Kelly Henry, Caleb Anderson, Paul Swanson, Melanie Bomier
Barb Peichel, Reese Fredrickson

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

Facilitator: Matt Ludwig, Vice Chair

Agenda Items

Topic	Purpose	Lead	Time allotted
Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes – October & February October Minutes: M/S Matt Ludwig / Gary Peterson February Minutes M/S Kim Johnson / Matt Ludwig Agenda M/S Gary Peterson / Matt Ludwig	Decide	Paul	10 min
Governance and Join Power Agreements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • Discussion Reese Fredrickson, Pine County Attorney provided a presentation of Joint powers entity versus a Joint powers collaborative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An entity is when 2 or more government units decide to create a new separate new government unit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It has a joint board. ○ They have decision and policy making authority. ○ Has contracting ability. ○ Mostly acts independently from the partners. ○ It can have its own liability coverage. It limits the liability of the partners but does not eliminate it. ○ In comparison, a collaborative shares the liability between the partners. Contracts between entities help collaborations work efficiently. Master sub agreements can be used to limit liability and increase efficiency to move funding between entities in a collaborative agreement.	Inform/Discuss	Reese	60 min

<p>Efficiency is important to the group. There are some costs for entity versus a collaboration (e.g., insurance). A collaboration requires decisions be sent back to all the individual boards, which takes additional time.</p> <p>Staff experience was shared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul: The Lower St. Croix with more partners is more complicated while the Nemadji is simple and efficient. Caleb: What is most efficient comes down to the detail of the agreements, subcontracts and committee structure. Barb: Recommends reaching out to the tribal governments early to see whether they will join the Joint Powers Entity or collaborative since it take more time for them to respond. Also make sure there is a clause for them to enter into the agreement later. <p>Next steps: Paul will send Reese's presentation to the Policy Committee and they can share it with their individual boards. We will be looking for a decision in the May/June timeframe.</p>			
<p>Issue Statements Approved issue statements as presented M/S Kim Johnson / Gary Peterson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Ludwig recommended that there is some discussion in the plan language about timber harvest as a tool in forest management. Gary Peterson recommended that some discussion of PFOS be added to the plan. Melanie Bomier suggested this should fit into the Emerging Issues section. 	Inform/Decide	Melanie	30 min
<p>Prioritization Maps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melanie presented the prioritization maps for Lake and stream protection & restoration. Matt Ludwig recommended including Crooked Lake and Hay Creek Flowage to be added as local / cultural high priority resources. Kim Johnson expressed concern with the use of priority on the map legend. Consider changing this language. 	Inform	Melanie	15 min
Adjourn-Next Meeting: April 13 th 9am-11am	Discuss	Paul	5 min