

Kettle River Upper St. Croix 1W1P	Policy Meeting	Date: October 13 th , 2022
		Time: 9:00am-11:00am
		Location: Windemere Town Hall 91546 Military Rd, Sturgeon Lake

Attendees: **Matt Ludwig, Dan Benzie, Kim Samuelson, Kim Johnson, Paul Swanson, Melanie Bomier, Erin Loeffler,**

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

Facilitator: Dan Benzie, Chair

Agenda Items

Topic	Lead
Approval of Agenda M/S Ludwig/Samuelson	Paul
Financial Report – Q3 M/S Ludwig Samuelson	Caleb
Update on Planning Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lakes Topic Advisory Meeting Forests Topic Advisory Meeting Melanie provided an update on the first two topic meetings, highlighting the new information that came from the topic experts including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need for more public access on lakes or better outreach for residents on public access locations Concerns of high water levels on some lakes The need for healthy markets for forest products to maintain healthy forests Concerns with potential changes to the SFIA program in future years including removal of the mortality clause and allowing participants to move to longer covenants Changing demographics with woodland ownership may require new outreach strategies The value of PILT funding from the state, which helps counties and townships keep public forest land, and the need for PILT funding calculations to be more equitable statewide. 	Melanie
Land Protection Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What they are, and options in the watershed Paul provided an overview on forest protection programs including SFIA, RIM Conservation Easements, MN Land Trust Easements, and 2C. Additional programs through MN DNR also provide protection.	Paul
Lake Water Quality Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melanie provided an overview of lake water quality standards, what impacts them and how they can be improved. 	Melanie

<p>Adjourn M/S Johnson / Ludwig at 10:30-Next Meeting: January 12th 9am-11am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• November and December meetings likely will be canceled. In the new year, we will discuss the final topic meetings and start discussing governance for implementing the plan.	Paul
<p>After the meeting, the group visited a lakeshore restoration project on Island Lake. This provided an example of the types of projects that could be funded through Watershed Based Implementation Funds to address concerns on lakes.</p>	Paul