

MSTR 1W1P Advisory, Policy, and Steering Committee meeting

Held at the Marshall County Courthouse in Meeting Room 1 with a Virtual option using Microsoft Teams

May 19, 2021

9:00am

Chairman Rolland Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 9:20 a.m. Policy Committee members in attendance were Rolland Miller, Bill Petersen, Brent Miller, and Mark Holy. Others in attendance were Rachel Olm (HEI), Dan Disrud (MDH), Annette Drewes (DNR), Todd Cymbaluk (American Crystal), Jacobe Snyder (Polk County), Darren Mayers (BWSR), Kylie Beard (HEI), Henry VanOffelen (BWSR), Darren Carelson (NRCS), Matt Fischer (BWSR), Danielle Kvasager (MPCA), Glen Kajewski (MN Dep of Ag), Nicole Bernd (West Polk SWCD), Josh Johnson (Marshall County), Mori Maher (MSTRWD), Danny Omdahl (MSTRWD), Jeremy Misselhorn (Misselhorn Tiling & Excavating), and Katrina Haugen (MSTRWD)

Motion by Mark Holy, seconded by Brent Miller to approve the meeting agenda as presented. R. Miller, B. Petersen, B. Miller, M. Holy voted yea with no nay votes. Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Mr. Bill Petersen, seconded by Mr. Mark Holy to approve the meeting minutes as presented from the April 21, 2021 Policy Committee meeting. R. Miller, B. Petersen, B. Miller, M. Holy voted yea with no nay votes. Motion unanimously carried.

Nicole Bernd opened the meeting with introductions, gave a brief overview of what each committees rolls are, and covered some guidelines that will be followed in all meetings moving forward. All Committee members are responsible to report back to their respective organization with updates from committee meetings.

Rachel Olm from HEI gave an overview of where in the planning process we are and where we will be moving in the future. Currently the Steering Committee is in the 60 day notice period. This is just the time frame where we get the information out there that we have started the planning process and are looking for feedback from the public on what they see as resource concerns that they would like to have the Committees address.

Rachel went over future meeting schedules: Steering Committee will meet the First Wednesday of every month, Advisory Committee and Policy Committee will meet the Third Wednesday every month (possibly every other month).

Advisory Committee members who were in attendance were asked to share what they see to be some resource concerns that they would like to see addressed. The following is a list of concerns that were mentioned by committee members in attendance. This is not a complete list and is just a starting point in the conversation that will be continuing throughout the planning process.

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- Ditch Capacity
- Grade Stabilization in Ditches
- Bridges being undersized
- Side water inlets
- Flooding concerns
- TAC input needed/wanted
- Fish passage projects
- Impoundments/flooding
- Education on Drain tile
- Water Quality
- Sediment in streams and Rivers
- Nutrient loss
- Erosion and soil loss
- Soil health
- Well Head Protection Plans
- Safe Ground water/drinking water
- Impaired waters
- Aquatic life
- Arsenic
- SST's
- Altered Hydrology
- Nutrients
- Unstable river and stream channels
- Improve Ag practices
- Wetlands and Habitats
- Well sealing
- Update septic
- Surface water
- Land concerns
- Water flow
- Wind Breaks
- Conservation

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Nicole stated that this is a good list to get started with. The goal is for everyone to work together and use each other as resources to make sure we are staying focused on what is best for the planning process and for the people in the boundary area.

There was some concern that was mentioned about getting the public input and making sure that the Committees do not push it aside and focus on smaller goals that will only benefit small areas at a time. Policy Committee members that were in attendance are committed to doing what they can to be sure the outcomes will be beneficial to the landowners/stakeholders as they are the ones that will be impacted the most.

Rachel gave a quick update on the Public Kick-off meeting that is Scheduled for June 23er, 2021 from 9:00-11:00am at the Marshall County Courthouse in Warren MN. Letters were sent out again to make sure that the word was getting out, Public notice will be in the papers, suggested to do flyers to handout to the Elevators and Co-Ops, Nicole said she could maybe do a little article to explain what the meeting was about. Nicole stated this will be added to the next steering committee meeting agenda to make sure that we get the information out to the public.

Rolland Miller suggested that we make clear why we are asking for the public input and be clear with what the expectations are. The policy committee members are going to use the information that is given to them by the public and Advisory committee members to make recommendations and prioritize goals.

Newfolden was suggested as an alternate site to hold meetings as it would be easier for people from the East part of the District to attend. Newfolden also has a larger space that could accommodate more people. The steering Committee will investigate this option for the future.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:28 am.