



Policy Committee Meeting

MEETING INFORMATION

Date:	July 21, 2021	In-Person Option:
Time:	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Marshall County Courthouse 208 E Colvin Ave, Warren, MN 56762
Invitees:	Policy Committee	Remote Option: See Link Below

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AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION	TIME
1. Welcome and Introductions	--	5 min
2. Review of Draft Issues Table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Goal: Arrive at agreed-upon list of issues for the planning process 	Discuss	30 min
3. PTMApp Additional Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Goal: Approve Additional Service Request for PTMApp services to inform the plan 	Discuss and Approve	30 min
4. Action Items and Next Steps	Discuss	5 min

Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed Issues Table

Category	Impacted Resource	Issue Statement	Reference	Notes
Groundwater	Drinking Water	Contaminants in domestic groundwater (arsenic, chloride, and sulfates)	W/T; SC, AC, MDH, Public	Sealing abandoned wells
Groundwater	Drinking Water Supply	Protection of groundwater supplies from overuse and loss of recharge	LWP; W/T; SC, AC, MDH, Public	Drought resulting from shortages
Surface Water	Streams	Excess bacteria impacting safe access to surface waters	LWP; W/T; SC, AC, MPCA	Failing SSTs
Surface Water	Streams, Drainage Systems	Upland erosion and runoff from non-point sources delivering excess sediment to drainage ditches and streams.	LWP; W/T; SC, AC, MPCA, BWSR, MDH, DNR	
Surface Water	Streams, Lakes and Reservoirs	Increased phosphorus loading from non-point sources causing algal blooms, impacting aquatic life and recreation	LWP; W/T; SC, AC, MPCA, BWSR, MDH, DNR	Inc. stormwater management
Surface Water	Streams	Streambank and in-channel erosion and channel instability impacting water quality and habitat	LWP; W/T; SC, AC, BWSR, DNR, Public	Main rivers
Surface Water	Streams	Altered hydrology and inconsistent flow impacting geomorphology and aquatic life	LWP; W/T; SC, AC, BWSR, DNR	Low base flow/ flashiness / log jams and debris
Surface Water	Ditches	Drainage system instability and inadequacy, and need for management and maintenance	LWP; SC, AC, BWSR, Public	
Land Stewardship	Agricultural Land	Inadequate drainage of agricultural lands impacting crop productivity	LWP; W/T; SC, AC, Public	Tile drainage
Land Stewardship	Land	Economic and ecological impacts of flooding on the landscape	LWP; W/T; SC, BWSR, Public	
Land Stewardship	Agricultural Land	Decreased soil health and its impact on productivity and wind erosion	SC, AC, BWSR, Public	
Land Stewardship	Land	Management of gravel pits and aggregate extraction to ensure best management practices are followed	SC, DNR	
Land Stewardship	Wetlands, Prairie, Wooded Areas	Loss of upland and wetland habitat impacting species richness and diversity, water storage, and water quality.	LWP; W/T; SC, AC, MPCA, BWSR, DNR, Public	Prairie Conservation Plan, CRP land
Land Stewardship	Recreational Land	Impact of land management in upland areas on downstream recreational parks	DNR	Florian, Old Mill State Park
Habitat	Riparian	Loss of riparian habitat and inadequate buffer areas	LWP, W/T, SC, AC, MPCA, BWSR, DNR	Reconnecting floodplains, Swift Coulee
Habitat	Aquatic life	Presence of barriers impacting fish passage and connectivity	LWP, W/T, SC, AC, DNR	Stephen and Florian dams remain as

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				barriers; undersized culverts and private crossings
Habitat	Aquatic life	Threat of aquatic invasive species threatening native populations	LWP, SC	Zebra mussels
W/T = WRAPS / TMDL LWP = Local water plan SC = Steering Committee Meeting (5/5) AC = Advisory Committee Meeting (5/19)				