

Lower Minnesota River East One Watershed One Plan

Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 14th 2022

Attendees at meeting: Holly Bushman (Le Sueur County), Mike Schultz (Le Sueur SWCD) Steve Pahs (Rice SWCD), Meghan Darley (Scott SWCD), Melissa Bokman (Scott County/WMO), Linda Loomis(LMRWD), Barb Peichel (BWSR)

Welcome & Review Agenda

- The Lower Minnesota River East Meeting was held on October 14th, 2022. The meeting was held in person. Holly briefly went over the agenda. The main goals of the meeting were further discussion and recap of the advisory committee meeting, determine the policy committee agenda, determine schedules for the next few steering team, advisory committee, and policy committee meetings, and lastly any updates of items for discussion.

Recap Last Meeting

- Holly briefly went over discussion at our last meeting which was September 1, 2022. We reviewed the data aggregation information ISG put together, had some discussion about our priority issues as a steering team, reviewed other planning efforts to see how they determined priority issues and concerns, and lastly talked about our first advisory committee meeting which would be held on September 28th 2022.

Advisory Committee Meeting Recap/Discussion

- The steering team talked about how there was good participation at the meeting. People were engaged with the activities and there was also some good discussion.
- We talked about the Advisory Committee meeting schedule a bit, and the reoccurring meeting date will stay as the Third Wednesday of the month. We will push the start time back to 10am.
 - The only advisory committee member that the meeting date and time will not work for is John Freitag. To make it easier on John, we will let him know which meetings we really would like his participation at. That way he is not juggling two meetings on third Wednesday of the month.
- The next topic the steering team discussed was priority resources.
 - Barb mentioned that we have quite a bit of water resources and impairments; therefore, it is going to be difficult to choose which ones to focus on.

- Can add different activities into the plan to address these priority issues in different ways.
- Education and Outreach can fit into each topic area and the same goes with Policy and Regulations.
 - These will vary by resources and issues.
- Typically, with data, monitoring, and studies, plans have identified existing data and what gaps there are. This can be included later in the plan and not necessarily a priority issue.
- The steering team felt we could add emerging issues into surface water and groundwater.

Reschedule Steering Team Meetings

- Moving forward the Steering team meeting will occur after the Advisory Committee meeting. It will be the third Wednesday of the month from 1:00pm-3:00pm or 1:30-3:30pm (depending if we need to include a lunch break). If we do not have an Advisory Committee meeting that month, we will still plan on having the steering team meeting the same day.

Updates & Next Steps

- The next steering team meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16th from 1:00pm-2:00pm/3:00pm.
- The next policy committee meeting will be held either on Thursday, November 17th from 3:00pm-5:00pm or Thursday, December 21st from 3:00pm-5:00pm.
- Next Advisory Committee Meeting will be held either Wednesday November 16th from 10:00am-1:00pm or Wednesday, December 20th from 10:00am-1:00pm.