

Mississippi River Sartell Watershed Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Date / Time: Wednesday, September 10 8:30am - 10:00am

Location: Royalton City Hall
12 N Birch St N, Royalton, MN 56373

Invitees:

Organization	Policy Member	Staff
Benton County	Primary: Ed Popp Alternate: Scott Johnson	Roxanne Achman, Luke Edlund
Benton SWCD	Primary: Chuck Rau Alternate: Wade Bastian	Mike McMillin
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	Primary: Kelly Applegate Alternate: Susan Klapel	Perry Bunting, Robert Wall
Morrison County	Primary: Randy Winscher Alternate: TBD	Amy Kowalzek
Morrison SWCD	Primary: Scott Saehr Alternate: Dave Hubner	Shannon Wettstein, Destiny McDonald
Stearns County	Primary: Joe Perske Alternate: Tarryl Clark	Emily Forbord, Becky Schlorf
Stearns SWCD	Primary: Arlyn Lawrenz Alternate: Tom Gregory	Kyle Weimann, Stephanie Hatzenbihler
BWSR	N/A	Zach Guttormson, Brad Wozney

Attendance:

Policy Committee Members: Joe Perske (Stearns Co), Ed Popp (Benton Co), Chuck Rau (BSWCD), Scott Saehr (MSWCD), Randy Winscher (Morrison Co)

Staff and Guests: Stephanie Hatzenbihler (SCD), Rachel Olm (HEI), Emily Forbord (Stearns Co), Mike McMillin (BSWCD), Destiny McDonald (MSWCD), Robert Wall (MLBO), Duane Kroll (Corn Growers), , Paul Anez (Anez consulting), Kyle Weinmann (SCD), Shannon Wettstein (MSWCD). Online: Becky Schlorf (Stearns Co), Dan Whitney (Consultant from Wadena), Chad Anderson

Agenda Topic	Time	Minutes
Call to order Introductions: Name, Title, Organization	8:30 - 8:40am 10 minutes	Meeting was called to order at 8:35am
Approve Meeting Minutes from 6.13.2025	8:40 - 8:45am 5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved from previous meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rau made a motion to approve the 6.13.2025 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented, Perske seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion carried.
Public Kickoff Summary and Results	8:45 - 9:00am 15 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on the public kickoff event participation, challenges, and recommendations for additional community engagement efforts.

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Technical Advisory Committee & Community Advisory Committee Membership	9:00 - 9:30am 30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee representation was described and involvement. • There was discussion on who could be members of each committee. • Decision on TAC representative of ag organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rau made a motion to add up to 3 representatives from agriculture organizations to serve on the Technical Advisory Committee, Winscher seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion carried. • CAC membership decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rau made a motion that membership of the Community Advisory Committee will be up to 3 representatives appointed by each MOA member, second by Perske, all were in favor. Motion carried.
Timeline for Plan Development	9:30 - 9:35am 5 minutes	tabled until next meeting
Consider approval of the Land and Water Resources Narrative	9:35 - 9:40am 5 minutes	Tabled until next meeting
Review opportunity statements concept & example drafts	9:40 - 9:55am 15 minutes	Tabled until next meeting
Adjourn	9:55 - 10:00am 5 minutes	Adjourned at 10:05 by Popp

Minutes prepared by Emily Forbord, Stearns County Environmental Services.

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