

# ***BUFFALO-RED RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT***

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## **BUFFALO-RED RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT One Watershed, One Plan Joint Advisory Committee/Planning Team Meeting August 28, 2019**

A One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) Joint Advisory Committee/Planning Team Meeting was held on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at 1:00 PM in the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD) office, located at 1303 4<sup>th</sup> AVE NE, Barnesville, MN.

Advisory Committee members present were Matt Jacobson, Clay County Planning and Zoning Director; Annette Drewes, Department of Natural Resources (DNR); Jill Wilkey, River Keepers; Anthony Nelson, Pheasants Forever (PF)/Clay Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD); Lynn Foss, Clay SWCD; Nicholas Brown, DNR; Erik Jones, BRRWD Engineer, Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI); Scott Schroeder, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, (MPCA); Henry Van Offelen, Clean Water Specialist, Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR); Brian Winter, The Nature Conservancy (TNC); George Minerich, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH); Ed Musielewicz, Natural Resources Conservation Service, (NRCS); Phil Doll, Private Lands Biologist, Becker SWCD, and James Grier, Citizen.

Planning Team members present were Moriya Rufer, Scientist/Water Planner, Rachel Olm, Scientist, Bruce Albright, BRRWD Administrator, Kathy Fenger, BRRWD Assistant Administrator, HEI; Kevin Kassenborg, Clay SWCD District Manager; Peter Mead, Becker SWCD District Manager; and Brett Arne, Board Conservationist, BWSR, (via conference phone).

Policy Committee members present were; Jay A. Leitch, BRRWD President.

Moriya Rufer, Scientist, HEI, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and asked the group to introduce themselves.

**Recap on Plan Progress and Direction.** Rufer informed the group that the Plan is near completion and is in draft form. The goal is to have the draft finished by the end of the year and a 60-day comment period beginning January 2020. Rufer asked Brett Arne, BWSR, what the committee is required to do to extend the grant agreement. Arne responded that to extend the grant agreement, he would need an email from BRRWD Administrator Bruce Albright requesting the extension. Arne would at this point email an amended grant agreement to BRRWD for signature.

**Workshop: Targeted Implementation Schedule.** The meeting goal today is to review draft actions for the BRRWD targeted implementation schedule and provide feedback on action wording, cost, implementation responsibility, and benefits. Rufer explained that the focus is going to be on the actions, partners, and how the actions address the goals.

The formal meeting was recessed for about 75 minutes to allow the group to review the Implementation Schedule. This included: Education and Outreach, Projects and Practices, Regulatory, Data Collection and Monitoring, and Capital Improvements. The Committee members were asked to provide written feedback in their area of expertise on action language, missing actions, costs, implementation roles, and benefits.

The formal meeting reconvened and a short discussion was held as Rufer read through the feedback and content changes the group added to the Implementation Schedule.

James Grier asked if it would be beneficial to provide outreach to college students studying environmental conservation science at North Dakota State University (NDSU). Rufer added this feedback to the Education and Outreach Table.

**Introduction: Plan Section 5-Implementation Programs and Plan Section 6-Plan Administration.**

Olm informed the group that the Plan Section 5 draft has not been distributed yet, primarily because they wanted to make sure it reflected the outcome of today's feedback.

- Plan Section 5 draft encompasses the information in the Implementation Schedule.
- Plan Section 6 draft includes information concerning Plan amendments, Plan administration, funding sources, decision making during Plan implementation, type of collaboration, and work planning.

Olm noted that the Policy Committee is currently considering what type of formal agreement to establish for the 1W1P administration after the Plan is in place because BWSR requires a general statement on how this agreement was formed at the end of the Plan. Rufer reminded the Committee that at their last meeting, they had discussed what types of formal agreements they could choose from and were asked to go back and discuss this question with their respective Boards.

**Action Items and Next Meeting.**

Rufer explained that the Prioritize, Target, and Measure Application (PTMApp) data will be added to the Implementation Schedule when it is received. The data will provide numbers to evaluate total costs and feasibility of Best Management Practices in the Projects and Practices section.

The Planning Team will meet to prioritize actions and set a timeline on 9/25/19 from 9:00 AM-Noon.

The next Advisory Committee will meet October 23, 2019, at 1:00 - 3:00 PM in the BRRWD office to review the draft of the Plan.

The Policy Committee could meet in November to approve the draft Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM.