

MINUTES
Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team
Monday, May 10, 2021

The Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team met for their bi-monthly meeting at 3:00 p.m. Monday, May 10, 2021 via a virtual Meeting with the following Policy Team members present: Chris DuBose (County Commissioner), John Eret (Citizen at Large), Craig Mell (Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District), Larry Nelson (Citizen at Large), Kurt Schneider (Environment Services), Frank Storm (Chair), Dawn White (Citizen at Large). **ABSENT:** Brian Sandel (Citizen at Large) and Betty-Jo Thorsten (Public Health).

Also present: Jerry Spetzman (Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District) and Susanna Wilson Witkowski (Water Resource Manager).

Each Policy Team member, and others present, attended the meeting at a location of their choice through a personal device (e.g. laptop, tablet, cell phone or personal computer). Each Policy Team member, and others present, were allowed to view documents presented during the virtual Meeting via their devices and to participate in discussion through microphones located in their devices.

The Chair, Frank Storm, called the business meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. It was determined that a quorum of members were present.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Nelson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team meeting. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Storm and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Eret, Schneider, Storm and White. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Mell, Nelson, Sandel, and Thorsten.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Storm offered a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team member White and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion carries as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Eret, Schneider, Storm and White. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Mell, Nelson, Sandel, and Thorsten.

Because of technical difficulties, discussion between Policy Team members was limited. 2020 annual report presentations on Chisago County Water Quality Monitoring, Aquatic Invasive Species and Water Resource Programs, along with presentation on Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District programs were postponed until the July Water Plan Policy Team meeting. Wilson Witkowski provided brief updates on the following agenda items.

- 5) Diane Larkin – Obituary February 27, 2021
 - a. Water Plan Policy Team member 2021-2019,
- 6) Re-Appointment Water Plan Policy Team Citizen-At-Large
 - a. Brian Sandel, Term: 01-01-2021 to 01-01-2024,
- 7) Chisago County direct deposit for expense reimbursements,

- 8) 2020 Annual Reports presentations for Chisago County and Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District postponed until July,
- 9) Lower St. Croix One Watershed One Plan:
 - a. Final watershed based implementation funding budget for 2021-22
 - b. Historical actions by Chisago County Board of Commissioners
 - c. Framework for Water Plan Policy Team outline and next steps
 - i. Three members selected for a subcommittee to review next steps: Policy Team members Eret, White and Nelson, along with Wilson Witkowski
 - d. Review interactive map at future Water Plan Policy Team meeting,
- 10) Board of Water & Soil Resources, North & South Center Lakes delisting article,
- 11) Water Quality Monitoring,
- 12) Lake level readings and Slow-No-Wake ordinance,
- 13) Minnesota state noxious weed list: nonnative phragmites reclassification update,
- 14) Aquatic invasive species program:
 - a. Watercraft inspections and decontaminations (May 1, 2021)
 - b. AIS Specialist position – lead watercraft inspector
 - c. Prevention, early detection, rapid response plan
 - i. Zebra mussel watch program – monitoring plates
 - ii. Zebra mussel veliger and spiny waterflea sampling
 - iii. Water access monitoring program
 - iv. Starry Trek (August 2021)
 - d. Point intercept surveys (South Lindstrom, East Rush Lake)
 - e. AIS detector training,
- 15) Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Get the lead out program, and
- 16) Chisago County Children’s Virtual Water Festival (May 20, 2021).

The next meeting of the Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2021.

Water Plan Policy Team Member Storm offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Schneider and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion carries as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Eret, Mell, Nelson, Schneider, Storm and White. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Sandel and Thorsten.