

Rainy River-Rainy Lake Watershed Planning Group

Minutes of Meeting 2 of the Policy Committee

Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 at 9:00 am

Location: County Courthouse Board Room
715 4th Street, International Falls, MN 56649

Policy Committee Members Present:

Destry Hell, Koochiching County
Eldon Voigt, Koochiching SWCD
Jenn Lahmayer, City of Ranier
Pete Kalar, City of International Falls

Steering Committee Members Present:

Matthew Gouin, Koochiching County
Pam Tomevi, Koochiching SWCD

Others Present:

Jolen Simon, Koochiching SWCD
Jeff Hrubes, BWSR

Chair Kalar called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2023/4-1 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lahmayer to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting yes: Hell, Voigt, Lahmayer, Kalar. Motion carried.

2023/4-2 Motion by Hell, seconded by Lahmayer to approve the minutes dated 3/27/2023 as presented.

Voting yes: Hell, Aitchison, Lahmayer, Kalar. Motion carried.

Tomevi reviewed with the planning group the draft list for Advisory Committee participants. Suggested edits were discussed with final draft list to be finalized at the May 8, 2023 meeting.

Tomevi reviewed with the planning group the options and methods for engaging a consultant for plan writing services.

2023/4-3 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lahmayer to utilize the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process and direct Tomevi to email RFQ to qualified consultants.

Voting yes: Hell, Aitchison, Lahmayer, Kalar. Motion carried.

The planning group discussed the formal notification of intent to prepare a watershed plan and Hrubes provided an overview of the comment period timeline and distribution requirements. Tomevi will prepare the draft letter and present it for review and approval at the May 8, 2023 meeting.

Motion by Voigt, seconded by Hell to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 am.

Voting yes: Hell, Aitchison, Lahmayer, Kalar. Motion carried.

Jenn Lahmayer, Secretary