Little Fork River Watershed
One Watershed, One Plan
Formal Public Hearing

MEETING INFORMATION: Little Fork River Watershed – Policy Committee: Public Hearing

Date: Thursday, Sept 24th

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am

Location: **Cook Community Center**
510 Gopher Dr
Cook, MN 55723

PREPARATION FOR MEETING

Review: June 25, 2026 Meeting Minutes; Draft Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) Comment Table; Draft Little Fork River CWMP Plan, Draft Little Fork River CWMP Appendix

AGENDA ITEMS	ACTION	PRESENTER	TIME
1. Welcome & Introduction • *Introduction for those in attendance*	Introduce	Chair	10:00 – 10:05
2. Review Agenda	Decide	Chair	10:05 – 10:07
3. Review June 25th Meeting Minutes	Decide	Chair	10:07 – 10:10
4. Plan Overview Presentation • *Overview of the Little Fork River CWMP*	Information	HEI	10:10 – 10:25
5. Open Public Hearing • *See guidelines on the next page* • *The public is welcome to share formal comments on this Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan*	☑ Motion to open Public Hearing	Chair	10:25 – 10:40
6. Close Public Hearing	☑ Motion to Close Public Hearing	Chair	10:40 or after comments are complete
7. Plan Comments Discussion • *Review comments from the public hearing and the 60-Day Formal Review. Decide if any additional changes to the final plan are necessary*	Discussion	Chair/ Koochiching SWCD	10:40 – 10:50
8. Draft Plan Approval • *PC to consider approval of draft Little Fork River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan to move forward for Local, Tribal, and State approval*	☑ Motion to Approve the Plan	Chair	10:50 – 10:55
9. 1W1P Timeline & Budget Review • *Planning grant timeline* • *Planning budget update*	Information	Koochiching SWCD	10:55 – 11:05

10. Utilize Remaining Funds • *Review potential planning projects that support data gathering and other activities to inform future on-the-ground implementation* • *Consider support for utilizing remaining funds toward these items*	Decide	Chair/ Koochiching SWCD	11:05 – 11:25
11.Wrap Up • *Next Meeting:* ***Approve Implementation Budget and Workplan*** ○ *Late January or February 2027* • *Plan to have first "Implementation PC Meeting" around May 2027*	Decide	Chair/ Koochiching SWCD	11:25 – 11:30
12. Adjourn	Decide	Chair	11:30

PUBLIC HEARING

Guidelines for Public Hearing will ensure that all in attendance are treated respectfully and courteously and that all who desire to speak will have the opportunity to be heard:

A sign-in sheet will be used for each person who wishes to make oral comments. Anyone who wants to do so must enter their full name and address on the sign-in sheet in the spaces provided.

1. **Public Comments**: Anyone who wishes to speak must sign in on the sign-in sheet with full name and address in the spaces provided. The chairperson will review the sign sheet and call each person to speak. Upon recognition, the person must identify by clearly stating their full name and address.

2. **Questions**: The Chairperson will take questions from the floor. Questions will be asked solely to obtain information about the subject matter of the public hearing or to clarify its provisions.

3. Each person who agrees to speak has three minutes to address the policy committee.