

Leech Lake River Watershed Policy Meeting

September 20th, 2023

Cass County Commissioner's Board Room

Attendance: Chairman Lynn Goodrich, Hubbard SWCD Supervisor; Vice Chair Gaalswyk, Cass County Commissioner; Secretary Tom Kuschel, Cass SWCD Supervisor; Treasurer Steve Keranen, Hubbard County Commissioner; Darren Mayers, BWSR; Jeff Hrubes, BWSR; Scott Wold, Cass County; Dana Gutzmann, Cass; Crystal Mathisrud, Hubbard SWCD; Brandon Spain-Brist, Hubbard SWCD

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of the agenda with additions requested by Dana Gutzmann.

Motion to approve the agenda with additions. Motion made by Tom Kuschel, seconded by Lynn Goodrich. Approved unanimously.

3. Leech Lake River WBIF Phase 1 complete and paid – working on having a short document made to highlight our successes.

Motion made for staff to continue to edit Phase 1 document and prepare to share with County boards, SWCD boards, social and local media. Motion made by Neal Gaalswyk, seconded by Tom Kuschel. Approved unanimously.

4. Darren Mayers (15 min) – Review Assurance Measures, accomplishments, successes, and areas for improvement.
5. Consider updates for LLRWCP Policy document. Suggestions were made, will review changes individually and meet again to approve at a later date.

6. Request approval for work plan changes.

Motion to approve work plan changes. Motion made by Tom Kuschel, seconded by Steve Keranen. Approved unanimously.

7. Select timeframe for next policy committee meeting. Will find a date after November 6th and look to set a recurring quarterly meeting.

8. Additions to agenda.

- Phase 3 work plan

- Five-year plan review coming in 2024.

- Review officers of the committee

 - Chair – Lynn Goodrich

 - Vice Chair – Neal Gaalswyk

 - Secretary – Tom Kuschel

 - Treasurer – Steve Keranen (replacing Tom Krueger on committee)

Motion to keep roles as previous with Steve Keranen replacing Tom Krueger as Treasurer.

Motion made by Tom Kuschel, seconded by Neal Gaalswyk. Approved unanimously.