

**MINUTES**  
**Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team**  
**Monday, July 11, 2022**

The Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team met for their bi-monthly meeting at 3:00 p.m. Monday, July 11, 2022 via an in-person meeting held at the Chisago County Government Center, Conference Room 150B in Center City, MN and a virtual Meeting with the following Policy Team members present: Chris DuBose (County Commissioner), Robert Klatt (Citizen at Large), Craig Mell (Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District), Scott Noland (Citizen at Large), Kurt Schneider (Environment Services), and Dawn White (Acting Chair and Citizen at Large). **ABSENT:** John Eret (Chair), Brian Sandel (Citizen at Large), and Betty-Jo Thorsten (Public Health).

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02, Subd. 3, persons interested in monitoring the meeting electronically from a remote location may view the meeting through the Microsoft Teams meeting link below.

Also present: Jerry Spetzman (Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District), Susanna Wilson Witkowski (Water Resource Manager), and Camden Droppo (Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist).

Each Policy Team member, and others present, attended the meeting in person or 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, could view documents presented during the virtual Meeting via their devices and to participate in discussion through microphones located in their devices.

Acting Chair, White, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. It was determined that a quorum of members was present.

Team members and visitors were introduced.

Water Plan Policy Team Member DuBose offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team meeting. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Klatt and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Klatt, Mell, Noland, Schneider, and White. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Eret, Sandel, and Thorsten.

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

Wilson Witkowski provided updates on the following agenda items:

- **Minnesota Open Meeting Law Article**

- **2021 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Annual Report – Chisago and Northern Washington County**
- **2021 Chisago County Lake Water Quality Monitoring Results**
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### **Lower St. Croix, Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (1W1P)**

Wilson Witkowski, and Team Members DuBose, Mell and White provided updates on the following agenda items:

- Implementation Policy Committee Meeting (April 25, 2022),
- Steering Committee Meetings (May 25 and June 22, 2022),
- Implementation Organizational Arrangements Discussion,
- 2021 Annual Work Plan Progress Report,
- 2022 - 2023 Annual Plan of Work Approval,
- Watershed Based Implementation Funding Project Process Changes,
- Metro Convening Meeting Summary, and
- Snake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Draft.

### **Changing Framework for Water Plan Policy Team Next Steps**

Wilson Witkowski reviewed with the Policy Team on further defining the role of the Policy Team and refining the 1W1P Appendix D: Chisago County Local Priorities, Table 1, to include objectives that have been addressed and need to be addressed in the future. Staff will bring proposed Policy Team role and Appendix D: Chisago County Local Priorities options to the next Policy Team meeting.

### **Chisago County Water Quality Monitoring Plan and Program Update**

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the new water quality monitoring work plan proposal for 2022 for Chisago Countywide.

### **Canoe, Electric Motor and Battery Purchase**

Droppo and Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the canoe and related equipment purchase (through American Rescue Plan funding) to use in lakes countywide with no public water access and during low water conditions.

Wilson Witkowski provided updates on the following agenda items:

- **2022 Draft Minnesota Impaired Waters List**
- **Lake Level Readings and Slow-No-Wake Ordinance Updates**
- **Adopt a Drain – Chisago County Kickoff and Updates**

### **Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District (LID) and County Invasive Phragmites Survey and Treatment Update**

Spetzman proved an updated on the roadside and drone treatment of invasive phragmites in the LID.

### **Aquatic Invasive Species Program Updates**

Wilson Witkowski and Droppo provided an update on the following agenda items:

- Watercraft Inspections and Decontaminations (April 29, 2022)
- Prevention, Early Detection, Rapid Response Plan

- i. Zebra Mussel Watch Program - Monitoring Plates
- ii. Water Access Monitoring Program Mission, Water Plan Policy Team
- iii. Zebra Mussel Veliger and Spiny Waterflea Sampling
- iv. AIS Workshop Update (May 17, 2022)
- v. Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop (August 4, 2022)
- vi. Starry Trek (August 20, 2022)
- vii. Decontamination Blitz (August 2022)
- c. Northern Lakes Point-Intercept Surveys (East Rush Lake South Bay)
- d. National Park Service Osceola Landing Construction
- e. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Take the AIS Pledge
- f. University of Minnesota Wake Surf Research
- g. DNR Infested Waters List Updates

Water Plan Policy Team Member Schneider offered a motion to fund up to 3 Citizen at Large members of the Policy Team to attend the Aquatic Plant Identification Workshop in August 2022 (\$60 per person registration totaling \$180). Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team member DuBose and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion carries as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Klatt, Mell, Noland, Schneider, and White. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Eret, Sandel, and Thorsten.

Wilson Witkowski provided updates on the following agenda items:

- **Chisago County Children’s Water Festival Updates (September 22, 2022)**
- **St. Croix River Workshop on the Water 2022 (July 20, 2022)**
- **Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Land Donation – Rush City**

#### **LID District Administrator Position Update**

Spetzman and Team Member Schneider provided an update on the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Administrator position.

#### **Agency Updates**

Wilson Witkowski provided an update on the Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 Small Watershed Focus grant to be awarded over 16 years to the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District. (Team Member Mell had left the meeting.)

The next meeting of the Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team is scheduled for Monday, October 10, 2022 at 3:00 pm. The meeting will be hybrid in-person and virtual.

Water Plan Policy Team Member DuBose offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 p.m. Motion seconded by Water Plan Policy Team Member Noland and, upon a vote being taken thereon, the motion **carried** as follows: **IN FAVOR THEREOF:** DuBose, Klatt, Noland, Schneider, and White. **OPPOSED:** none. **ABSENT:** Eret, Sandel, and Thorsten.