## Policy Committee Meeting North Fork Crow River

One Watershed One Plan

November 8, 2023 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Location: ZOOM Mtg

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8021538796?pwd=ZF NxYXhYZ0Z6WjRyaXhaL1FObHhkUT09

Facilitator: T. Ostendorf

Invitees: Policy Committee Members (all meetings are open to the public).

Meeting Materials:

- 1. August 3, 2023 PC Meeting Notes
- 2. Presentation Handouts

## **AGENDA**

TOPIC	ТҮРЕ	PRESENTER	TIME ALLOTTED	
Introduction	Information	J. Burns	2 mins	
Jeff introduced PC members and attendees				
Review Agenda and Meeting Notes	Information	J. Burns	3 mins	
Approve agenda. 1-JB, DK-2. Approve agenda				
FY20 WBIF Grant Reconciliation	Discussion	L.Johnson	2 mins	
Luke Johnson presented findings for FY20 grant reconciliation process. No issues to report. Each WBIF				
grant will fall under the BWSR policy requirements for reconciliation.				
CRP Incentive Grant	Discussion	L. Johnson	3 mins	
There is an opportunity for additional funding (\$30K) to implement CRP practices throughout the				
watershed. Requesting approval through the PC to apply for the funding. Burns requested information				
on how the funding would be disributed throughout the watershed. Johnson stated that they will				
likely model the request based on a prior application by the Sauk River watershed, in order to				
maintain continuity. Consensus to apply for the funds.				
FY22-23 WBIF Supplemental Funds	Discussion	L. Johnson	5 mins	
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There is an addition of \$7.7 million available for supplemental WBIF funding to eligible watersheds. TAC requests for approval to apply for funding from the PC. The application deadline for the funding is January 8<sup>th</sup>, prior to the next scheduled PC meeting. Project requests for funding are no longer lacking, and the TAC is confidant they have projects to apply for. If all the funding (\$7.7) is requested, BWSR will use a formula to allocate the funding, resulting in potentially an additional \$250K.

LL-1, RP-2. Motion approved.

The NFCRPP has a new BWSR BC, Jason Weinerman, who will now be taking over for Steve Christopher.

WBIF Interest Earnings	Discussion	L. Johnson	5 mins
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Johnson presented interest earnings on the WBIF funds, accrued through the fiscal coordinator, Wright SWCD. Johnson presented the total interest accrued in their money market, related to the WBIF. The partnership agreement states that any interest earned on the WBIF funds must go back to the partnership account. Through some financial account decisions, Wright SWCD has accrued

\$15,108.10 in interest. The District anticipates approximately \$1,000 monthly interest accrual. These funds could be used for additional incentive funding, small projects, etc. Ostendorf asked for clarification on whether or not the interest would need to follow the grant policies. BWSR clarified that the interest is not required to follow state policy. Burns stated that the PC should consider how to spend this money, potential accrual thresholds they would like to see, etc.

## For discussion in March.

FY 2024 WBIF Workplan Recommendations	Presentation	T. Ostendorf	15 mins	
Ostendorf presented the TAC recommended FY24 WBIF grant request. RI-1, CU-2. Approved.				
Meeting Topic Suggestions	Discussion	J. Burns	5 mins	
No suggestions				
Calendar of Events	Decision	J. Burns	5 mins	
The next meeting will be March 6, 2024. Luke will update and send out the 2024 meeting invites in Outlook.				
Additional Items	As Requested	T. Ostendorf	5 mins	
None. Jeff Burns announced that he will be leaving the Wright SWCD Board, moving to Duluth. PC members expressed their thanks and well-wishes to Burns.				

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

POLICY COMMITTEE	TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Policy committee meetings will be held quarterly or as directed.	Standing meetings will be scheduled for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, from 9 am-12 pm.
Meetings will be canceled if no discussion/decisions are needed.	Meetings will be cancelled if no discussion/decisions are needed.
March 6, 2024 June 5, 2024 September 4, 2024 Nov 6, 2024	November 16, 2023 December 21, 2023