



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Meeting Notes of the
Watershed Plan Steering Committee
August 7, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m.
Brookview, Golden Valley

Meeting Attendees:

Committee Chair Kennedy; Commissioners Hauer, Pentel, and Welch; Alternate Commissioner Polzin; TAC Members Eckman and Scharenbroich; Administrator Jester; Commission Engineers Chandler and Johnson

1. WELCOME

Committee Chair Kennedy opened the meeting at approximately 8:35 a.m.

2. REVIEW JULY 10 MEETING NOTES

There was a consensus that the meeting notes were appropriate as presented.

3. REVIEW PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS TRACKER

Staff briefly reviewed the progress of plan development.

4. REVIEW COMMENTS FROM PLANNING TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As directed at the April committee meeting, staff requested input on the remaining Waterbody and Watershed Quality issues and the Flooding and Climate Resiliency goals from the Planning TAC (review agencies like BWSR, MPCA, MDNR, Met Council; partners like TRPD and MPRB; and member cities). The PSC's recommended issue statements and goals were sent to Planning TAC members on July 19th. Comments were received by August 2nd.

Staff noted that comments were received from BWSR, MPCA, TRPD, MDNR, and Department of Health. Staff reported that BWSR (and MPCA to some extent) requested the addition of quantifiable measurability to many of the 10-year goals such that progress toward the goal could be easily assessed. Staff presented their recommended revisions in response to Plan TAC comments. The PSC discussed potential revisions. Committee member Welch noted that "measurability" serves MPCA and BWSR purposes but isn't necessarily appropriate or useful for helping the Commission implement the plan. He noted that often, background information on specific resources or conditions is needed before measurability is possible. Committee member Polzin noted that numeric goals could be included with specific activities. There was also a comment that goals related to the Bassett Creek Valley will need the context of the Wenck floodplain study.

Final revisions were recorded in the issues/goals tables and will be presented at the August 15th commission workshop.

5. REVIEW MATERIALS FOR AUGUST WORKSHOP

Staff presented materials that they recommend for the upcoming workshop. The group noted that commissioners should be reminded of the outcomes of the January commission workshop. Committee Chair Kennedy agreed to present background and an introduction at the workshop. The group agreed that four small groups would work well and assigned a facilitator and recorder for each group. Chair Kennedy indicated he would rotate among groups to take in multiple conversations.

6. REVIEW ISSUE STATEMENTS AND DRAFT GOALS FOR ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS CATEGORY

The committee continued reviewing, discussing, and making revisions to issue statements, desired future conditions, and goals in this category. The issue of "projects and programs implemented with a DEI lens" were not discussed pending the Commission's adoption of a DEIA policy.

7. REVIEW DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION SECTION OUTLINE AND NARRATIVE EXCERPT

The committee ran out of time to discuss this item. It will be moved to a future agenda.

8. ADJOURN – The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.