



Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

Meeting Notes of the
Watershed Plan Steering Committee
October 8 and 15, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.
Brookview, Golden Valley

Meeting Attendees:

Committee Chair Kennedy, Commissioners Polzin, Pentel, and Hauer (Oct 15), Committee member Loomis (Oct 15); Administrator Jester; Commission Engineers Johnson and Williams

1. WELCOME

Committee Chair Kennedy opened the meetings at approximately 8:30 a.m.

2. REVIEW JULY 7th MEETING NOTES

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

3. REVIEW NOTICES OF 60-DAY COMMENT PERIOD

Administrator Jester reviewed the list of agencies, partner organizations, adjacent WMOs, groups, neighborhood associations, and individuals who received notice of the 60-day comment period.

4. REVIEW COMMENTS FROM REVIEWERS

The committee reviewed and discussed more significant comments from reviewers and made recommendations for responses to comments and/or potential revisions to the plan. Administrator Jester reported that she recently met with representatives from the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden (EBWG), Minneapolis Park and Rec Board (MPRB), Board of Water and Soil Resources, and graduate students to discuss the desire for a hydrology study in the area of Theodore Wirth Park between Hwy 394 and Glenwood Ave (south of Wirth Lake) and a future wetland restoration in this area. The group noted that restoration of historic peat lands in this area may be a component of the restoration. UY of M graduate students are developing restoration plans for this area. Administrator Jester noted that MPRB and Friends of EBWG both provided comments on the draft plan requesting these activities be added to the Plan. The committee agreed these were important activities to add.

The committee discussed a variety of other high priority comments including wetland inventories and restorations, the need/use of policy statements in Section 4, use of the most current adopted precipitation data for hydrologic modeling, and the need to better align the goals and evaluation metric between the body of the plan and Appendix C (Education and Engagement Plan).

The bulk of the discussion centered on discussing and making potential revisions to some 10-year goals to improve measurability, where possible. Revisions were recorded in a separate document listing all goals.

The discussion and review of goal statements was continued to the October 15th PSC meeting.

5. ADJOURN – The 10/8 meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The 10/15 meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m.