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| Cannon River 1W1P Technical Advisory GroupMeeting Notes |

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| June 5, 2024 |
| 9:00am– 10:30 a.m. |

**Straight River Room****Rice County Fairgrounds** |

**Technical Advisory Group:** Travis Hirman (*MDA*), Scott Hanson *(MDH),* Ryan Lerman (*U of MN Extension*), Al Kraus (*CRP*), Kristen Dieterman (*MPCA*), Brad Rademacher (*City of Owatonna*), Emily Berquist (*MDH*), Anne Nelson (*MDH*), Anne Sawyer (*BWSR*)

**CIG:** Ashley Gallagher *(Dakota SWCD)*, Beau Kennedy *(Goodhue SWCD),* Emmie Scheffler *(Rice SWCD),* Steve Pahs (*Rice SWCD*), Teresa DeMars (*Rice SWCD*), Trevor Rudenick (*LeSueur County*), Holly Bushman (*LeSueur County*), Karl Schmidtke (*LeSueur SWCD*), Eric Gulbranson (*Steele SWCD*), David Stenzel (*Steele County*), Ben Dvorak (*Goodhue SWCD*), Savannah Domnie (*Goodhue SWCD*), Tim Tutlam

* **Implementation Updates**
	+ - * Emmie Scheffler and Ashley Gallagher went through the activities from the FY21 and FY23 workplans.
* **FY25 workplan drafting/member reports**
	+ - * Staff- CIG staff would like to see the next workplan include implementation of the flood study and lake management plants, groundwater activities, dollars set aside for further work on the stream restoration project on the Little Cannon, and cost share for structural and non-structural practices.
			* MDA- The focus has been on safe drinking water in DWSMAs and would like to see groundwater practices in the plan for those areas, along with they have been looking at townships also. Nutrient management is a priority of theirs and activities for that would be helpful also.
			* U of MN Extension- Education and Outreach activities are always a priority for Extension and they are willing to help with those activities. Ryan has a background in grazing and can assist with grazing practices if needed. Extension is hiring a private well person for education and outreach.
			* MDH- Groundwater is the big focus. Activities that include drinking water testing (check into sources of funding can be used for this) and treatment and education and outreach on safe drinking water. Even if there are not activities for treatment, a development of resources for treatment would be helpful or to find other avenues to pay for treatment since Clean Water Funds cannot be used in the future for treatment. Radum is naturally occurring in the area and to see if testing can be done for that. Well inventories are needed, especially some areas where wellhead protection areas are expanding. Well and septic classes for the general public and/or realtors and health professionals. Well sealing high need, Old Nerstrand creamery they would like to see sealed.
			* Clean River Partners- CRP has been securing funding from other sources for the streambank restoration project and for other projects that have promoted cover crops and nitrate reductions. CRP would be happy to help with any outreach work. They would like to see outreach activities and to look forward to the mining proposals and engagement on that topic.
			* MPCA- MPCA agrees to look into helping with the mining issues coming up. With MPCA developing the lake management plans, they would like to see activities to implement those. The outreach budget should be as high or higher than it currently is to get new people through the door.
			* City of Owatonna- The city is interested in a future flood study. They are currently working on a new plan for the city and there will be climate resilience and pollutant reduction activities they would be interested in implementing and partnering with the CRWJPO. A stormwater clinic for the area would be beneficial to see.
			* BWSR- Helping with implementation and guidance of the plan.
* **Other Updates**
	+ - * Staff will be tracking partners projects with a yearly survey.
			* MDH would like when the Cannon 1W1P is five years in to discuss testing with them.
			* CRP has a few events coming up. One is a legislation update in June, there is a soil health bus tour on July 31st, and they are showing local city officials kernza in the Cannon Falls area.
			* Freeborn soil health team will be having an event in Owatonna in September.

**A reminder to everyone is that the workplan is not set in stone and that changes can be made as activities that are needed and fit into the plan come up.**