

# Cannon River 1W1P

## Technical Advisory Group

### Meeting Notes

November 28, 2022  
9:00am– 11:00 a.m.  
Straight River Room  
Rice County Fairgrounds

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**Technical Advisory Group:** Cole Johnson (*City of Northfield*), Travis Hirman (*MDA*), Alan Kraus (*CRPI*), Kristi Pursell (*CRP*), Kristen Dieterman (*MPCA*), Justin Watkins (*MPCA*). Mark Duchene (*City of Faribault*)

**CIG:** Ashley Gallagher (*Dakota SWCD*), Eric Gulbransen (*Steele SWCD*), Chad Hildebrand (*Goodhue SWCD*), Dave Stenzel (*Steele County*), Emmie Scheffler (*Rice SWCD*), Steve Pahs (*Rice SWCD*), Holly Bushman (*Le Sueur County*), Karl Schmidtke (*Le Sueur SWCD*), Brad Behrens (*Rice County*)

**Advisory Staff:** Jeremy Maul (*BWSR*)

#### ❖ Implementation Updates

- Ashley Gallagher presented the online arc map that is used to track projects.
- The new PTMapp was presented along with how the Cannon uses it for reductions. Members can contact Ashley if they have questions on PTMapp.
- 10 lakes have been surveyed for shoreline surveys. One was contracted out last year and the rest were done by staff this fall. The scoring part of the surveys will be done this winter by staff.
- For lake management plans, Fox Lake has been completed. MPCA conducted the monitoring for the other lakes this past summer. MPCA stated they should be looking at the data this winter after the data goes through a peer review process. MPCA will be doing a study on there own which should assist the CRWJPO.
- Holly Bushman reported on SSTS. SSTS was completed this fall and the report is almost complete. There was about 50% of the parcels in noncompliance and 11 or 12 that were imminent health threats. Six or seven of these have already been fixed. There is a meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the justice center in Le Center from 10-11am to go over the results and why this study was important.
- There were two soil health events this year that were hosted by Clean River Partners using CRWJPO funds. There is one more event to be held in Le Center later in December. Each event had around 50 attendees, which were a mix of agency staff and farmers.

#### ❖ FY2023-2024 CRWJPO Workplan

- Emmie and Ashley presented the next round of funding and explained the details of each activity. Questions were asked about the MDM project since it is not a common activity.

#### ❖ Partnering with the CRWJPB

- If members want to partner with the CRWJPB or would like to obtain funding on a project, the advice is to reach out to the CRWJPB as early in the planning process as possible to see if the project is in the plan and eligible. Funding workplans are done the year before they are implemented and staff will have the TAG assist with priority selection of activities.
- A suggestion was to partner with MPCA and DNR to educate lake associations and homeowners around the lakes. Clean River Partners also has expertise in this area.
- MDH and MDA may have assistance for groundwater activities.
- MDH may be able to assist with the well testing clinics.

#### ❖ Suggestions for the CRWJPO

- It was brought up that some funding sources from BWSR require plan adoption. Cities participating should take note on this.

- A suggestion from a member is that the CRWJPO should look at a more collaborative approach to reach goals and should like those who have projects know if they don't fit into the plan why they don't and if there is an alternative that would.

❖ **Meeting Schedule for TAG**

- Member consensus was once a year with a month ahead of time heads up to help plan scheduling better.