



**Type of Meeting:** Shell Rock and Winnebago One Watershed, One Plan Steering Committee

**Date:** March 12th, 2021

**Time:** 9:00am to 11:00am

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

**Facilitator:** Paul Marston

**Attending:** Rachel Wehner, Brenda Lageson, Courtney Phillips, Dave Copeland, Steve Jahnke, Shaina Keseley and Chad Billet.

**Agenda:**

1. Introduction

- Paul kicked off the meeting and talked about the implementation table and costs. Paul sent out the costs and the assumptions. Efforts and changes might be needed. He discussed the goals of the meeting including the implementation table and the base funding numbers and finalizing them. Changes might be needed as a result of the priorities. Paul mentioned we took out a series of projects that already had been funded, we might bring them back in and wanted to discuss that for the issue statements. We will then bring up the implication program which is the regulatory enforcement type of things. Talk about capital improvement plans, and next steps moving forward.

2. Base Funding/ Implementation Schedule

- Paul discussed the base funding, which is a summary of the funding sources by the LGU and the government level that the funds come from. Paul broke down the funding between the different LGU entities. Paul pulled information out from the SWCD regarding the state and federal sources. Clarification on what the county portion of the SWCD is listed as county funding. They excluded capacity funding being that it goes towards staff time vs projects.
- Paul discussed the two tables, if we include the federal funds we meet the dollar amounts, if we exclude the federal funds then we do not have enough money. Chad stated there is normally a federal partnership. The state sign-ups are super competitive with only 15% getting funded. CREP is 2 to 3 years for the project to be completed and easements paid out. There is only a 2 week sign up.
- Most of the times the federal funding is excluded and included in the narrative portion. It's up to the group that we want to do, the funds that are misleading is the CRP dollar amount. Of the \$807,000 a lot of that is the annual rental payments and not the cost to

establish the project. SWCD said federal is more. Chad is going to clarify if the FSA can break out some of the numbers.

- It's could be fair to include the EQIP funding of the \$30-40,000 range of the CRP of federal funds to include in the plan. The sales tax moved up to 1.1 million instead of 1.0 million to help cover the shortcomings. We will have to do some shifting of the timeline to help with the case flow type of stuff. Shania pulled up the plan content requirements and we need to be detailed to local and state. There is a lack of control over the federal funding.
- We are deciding to remove federal funding of all kinds. Maybe how it's written in the narrative will help the reader and highlighting the process. Being deliberate with what is actually realistic. Dave said the fact that we have the large budget of the sales tax makes this a unique situation. Kept at 1 million to keep it conservative.
- Moving some projects to the later biennium's projects to make the cash flow work. The group is also putting the AIS funding into the specific category.
- There was discussion on the county funds and if their funds should be included in the table. Brenda said some of their projects include staff time as well as project dollars. There was some work on the county numbers and the staff that is included. This will make a bigger difference. Include the narrative format of NAWCA funding.
- Bring the LSOHC projects back in, but just include in the narrative that the projects are already funded, but in the table overall it will cancel out so the dollar amounts so it will be accurate.
- Next is to continue the discussion on implementation programs, the rundown of that includes a summary such as operational maintenance, data collection, public participation, and the capital improvement plan. We have to include a capital improvement plans. Courtney said to include the City's capital improvement plans.
- The water plan is going to reference the city's capital improvement plan as well as the watershed district plan.
- Send the cost share form to Paul, Paul was asking the SWCD on their O and M and what the monitoring is. Inspection forms with the SWCD. Get those items to you after with just a brief section.

### 3. Next Steps

- Doing a policy committee meeting and discussed all of the details regarding what will be presented at the next meeting. Went over documentations.
- Updating funding tables and the couple lines in the county. Next step is an advisory committee meeting.
- Zoom meeting for advisory committee meeting 2 hours. Courtney will send out a doodle poll for that event.