

# Des Moines River Watershed One Watershed One Plan

## Steering Committee Meeting Notes

**Location:** Cottonwood County Law Enforcement Center and online via Webex

**Date/Time:** July 15, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Members Present:** Rick Anderson, Lyon County Commissioner; Andy Geiger Jackson County; Dan Bartosh, Jackson SWCD; Kay Gross, Cottonwood County; Dave Bucklin, Cottonwood SWCD, Sarah Soderholm, Murray County; Mark Bartosh, HLWD; Paul Nelson, Jackson SWCD Supervisor; Ashley Brenke, Martin SWCD; Tom Kresko, MNDNR; Bryan Spindler, MPCA; Kevin Hauth, MDA; Rachel Olm, HEI; Phil Nasby, Jackson County Commissioner; Dave Thiner, Murray County Commissioner; Craig Christensen, Murray SWCD; Tom Appel, Cottonwood County Commissioner; Karen Hurd, Murray SWCD Supervisor; Richard Koons, Martin County Commissioner; Mark Hiles, BWSR; John Biren, Lyon SWCD; Justin Ahlers, Nobles County Commissioner; Katherine Peskarek-Scott, MPCA; Tom Muller, Cottonwood SWCD Supervisor

Welcome/Introductions/Overview – Rachel Olm introduced herself to the group and explained HEI’s role in the creation of the DMR 1W1P process. She reviewed the three different committees (steering, policy, and advisory) and how they are utilized throughout the process. She also gave an initial timeline for the steps necessary to complete the project.

Draft Plan Issues – HEI explained that the issues are grouped by four main resource concerns which are groundwater, surface water, land stewardship, and habitat. The issues in each resource concern were analyzed individually by the committee, and recommendations were given to improve or clarify verbiage and language.

Public Kickoff Meetings – HEI would like to incorporate a survey for landowners within the watershed that would give them a chance to provide their input on what they think the 1W1P should aim to accomplish and also what/where the priority areas are within the watershed. HEI also introduced some other material that they would like to hand out during the meeting such as maps, graphs, and other visuals. After review, the committee agreed that the survey and handouts would be helpful for landowners to not only review during the presentations, but also take home with them and share with neighbors and other landowners. The committee also reviewed the “Land and Water Resources Narrative” provided by HEI and agreed that it is appropriate and should be available at the meeting.

Action Items and Next Steps – Steering committee to meet monthly on the second Wednesday at 9 a.m. The Advisory Committee will meet quarterly on the third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. The Policy Committee will meet every other month on the third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m.

Committee members are encouraged to think of different ideas for a logo to represent the DMR 1W1P.