

POMME DE TERRE RIVER WATERSHED  
 1W1P Planning Committee  
 USDA ARS Soils Lab  
 June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting began at 9:05 AM

*Planning Committee Members present:* Andy R., Danielle A. (Douglas SWCD) Joe M (Grant SWCD) Greg L. (Grant LM) Andy A., (Swift SWCD), Brad M., Ben U. (WOT SWCD, Danny T (Big Stone County) Emily S., Annette D. (DNR) Pete W. (BWSR) Amanda S. (MDH), Paul W. (MPCA) Meghan F.(EOR), Stephanie A. (PDTRA)

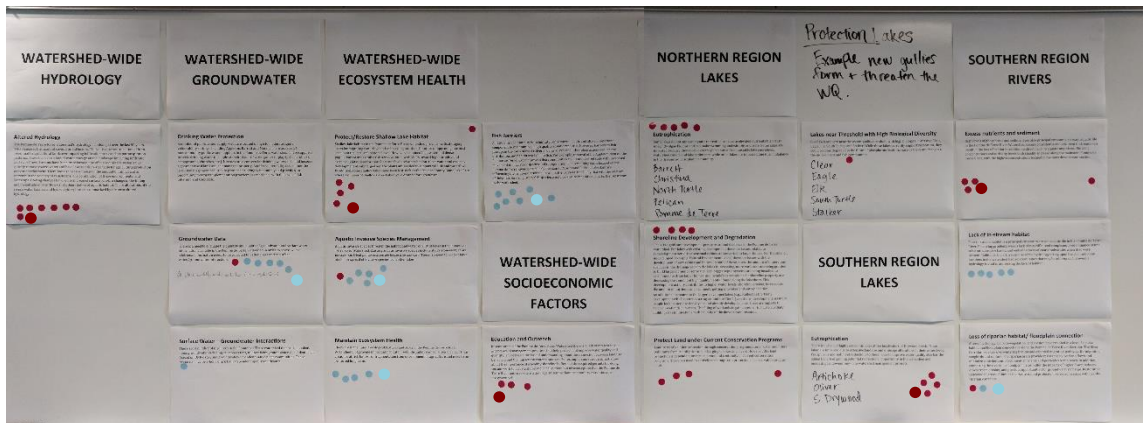
**Intro/ Review of accomplishments**

EOR reviewed purpose, goals, and timeline of the planning progress.

- Traditional vs. Targeting approach
- Tools used thus far in prioritizing issue statements (Zonation, World Café Exercises, CAC mtgs,
- Goals for today’s meeting: gain consensus on list of issues to be addressed in first 10years, agree on organization structure (e.g. “Tiers”)
- Final Citizens Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled for some time following the July Planning Cmte. Meeting.

Plan requirements such as the Land and Water Resource Inventory which will be posted to Googles Doc for committee review and comment (no true deadline)

**Review Issues Statements (Sticky Dot Exercise)**



LGU staff placed red and blue dots on the identified issue statements to further prioritize them for planning purposes.

*Talking points/reasons behind decisions:*

- Reasons for Altered Hydrology (highest rated) discussed: higher lake levels/flashy, Gully erosion, higher runoff due to corn/soy bean crop rotation (soil health related). Lack of storage (lack of wetlands and organic matter). Higher peak flows in the Lower PdT equating to higher bank erosion. Flashy streams effect in-stream habitat.
- Protect/Restore Shallow lake habitat: for the restoration of drained shallow lakes. Pelican lake will likely be impaired and therefore impacts Ashby wastewater management.
- Protect land under conservation programs - Could be defined as a regional issue (originally defined under Northern area)
- Groundwater Data: a need for data – find recharge areas
  - o Hard to identify groundwater-focused activities. Amanda S. (MDH) will bring back examples of activities – mentioned Well Sealing as an important activity.
- Issue of Aquatic Invasive is typically addressed through other programs / organizations

### **Plan Structure Discussion**

Brief discussion on structure and the use of “Tiers” to identify levels of planning efforts. The group decided to not use the term “tiers” and instead will follow a prioritization with the definitions of:

- “Focused time and resources”
- “Will do if opportunity and resources present themselves”
- “Will do if time allows”

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00PM

**Next meeting will be determined through a poll that will be sent out later this week by Stephanie**