

**Board of Water and Soil Resources
Committees
November 2019**

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

Membership:	Gerald Van Amburg, chair	citizen
	Tom Schulz, vice-chair	soil & water conservation district
	Tom Loveall	county commissioner
	Steve Sunderland	soil & water conservation district
	Kathryn Kelly	soil & water conservation district
	Jack Ditmore	citizen
	John Jaschke	staff
	Rachel Mueller	staff

Responsibility: *The AAC consists of the Board's chair and vice-chair and the chairs of the Board's standing committees. The AAC will make evaluations and recommendations to the Board on various Board issues including ethics; expenses/per diem; bylaws; and legislation and budgets. The AAC will act as the personnel committee for personnel actions relating to the Board's executive director. The chair may include additional members ad hoc to address special or unique topics or issues.*

Meetings: *The committee will meet at the call of the chair.*

AUDIT & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (A&O)

Membership:	Gerald Van Amburg, chair	citizen
	Jack Ditmore	citizen
	Rich Sve	county commissioner
	Tom Schulz	soil & water conservation district
	Steve Sunderland	soil & water conservation district
	Joe Collins	watershed district/WMO
	Angie Becker Kudelka	staff

Responsibility: *The Committee consists of the Board's chair, vice-chair, and appointed at-large members. It appraises the effectiveness of the agency's internal controls and risk assessment and provides an avenue of communication between BWSR's internal audit function and external auditors, management, and the Board. In addition, the A&O is also responsible for the Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP) oversight and receives reports on BWSR and Local Government Unit program evaluations and fiscal compliance matters.*

Meetings: *The Committee will meet at least once during the year or at the call of the chair or a majority of the members.*

BUFFERS, SOILS & DRAINAGE COMMITTEE (BSDC)

Membership:	Kathryn Kelly, chair	soil & water conservation district
	Rich Sve	county commissioner
	Tom Loveall	county commissioner
	Steve Sunderland	soil & water conservation district
	Harvey Kruger	watershed district
	Neil Peterson	county commissioner
	Gerald Van Amburg	citizen
	Jeff Berg	Department of Agriculture
	Jason Garms	Department of Natural Resources
	Wayne Cords	Pollution Control Agency
	Joel Larson	University of Minnesota Extension
Tom Gile	staff	

Responsibility: *The Committee is responsible for reviewing buffer, drainage and soil conservation statutes, rules, policies, guidelines, programs and special projects; and for reviewing plans, operational partnerships, and opportunities to enhance the agency's implementation of programs; and for making the resulting recommendations to the Board.*

Meetings: *The Committee will meet as determined by the Committee chair in consultation with the Board Chair or staff.*

DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE (DRC)

Membership:	Gerald Van Amburg, chair	citizen
	Joe Collins	watershed district/WMO
	Tom Loveall	county commissioner
	Tom Schulz	soil & water conservation district
	Jack Ditmore	citizen
	Travis Germundson	staff

Responsibility: *The Committee is responsible for appeals relating to the Wetland Conservation Act decisions of local governments, watershed district rule and permit decision appeals, and, under MS103A.301, determinations of water law and policy. The authority of the DRC is established in statute and assigned to the DRC by the Board. Under current guidelines the DRC hears the appeals and makes recommendations to the Board.*

Per M.S. 103B.101, Subd.10, the committee is appointed by the board chair.

Meetings: *The Committee will meet as needed to process appeals that have been filed with the Board.*

GRANTS PROGRAM AND POLICY COMMITTEE (GP&PC)

Membership:	Steve Sunderland, chair	soil & water conservation district
	Tom Schulz	soil & water conservation district
	Kathryn Kelly	soil & water conservation district
	Paige Winebarger	citizen
	Jill Crafton	watershed district/WMO
	Andrea Date	metro cities
	Todd Holman	non-metro city
	Neil Peterson	county commissioner
	Rich Sve	county commissioner
	Glenn Skuta	Pollution Control Agency
	Harvey Kruger	watershed district/WMO
	Jeff Berg	Department of Agriculture
	Melissa Lewis	staff

Responsibility: *The Committee is responsible for reviewing cost-share, non-point engineering, clean water, natural resources block grants, local water management grants and related grant allocations, policies, and rules and making recommendations to the Board.*

Meetings: *The Committee will meet at least two times a year or as needed to review allocations or policies for base grants, competitive grants and special grants.*

RIM RESERVE COMMITTEE (RRC)

Membership:	Tom Loveall, chair	county commissioner
	Gerald Van Amburg	citizen
	Tom Schulz	soil & water conservation district
	Kathryn Kelly	soil & water conservation district
	Todd Holman	non-metro cities
	Harvey Kruger	watershed district/WMO
	Chris Elvrum	Department of Health
	Jeff Berg	Department of Agriculture
	Jason Garms	Department of Natural Resources
	Sharon Doucette	staff

Responsibility: *The Committee is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve conservation easement program; for reviewing RIM Reserve Program statutes, rules, policies, guidelines, payment rates and projects; and for developing strategic plans, operational partnerships, and opportunities to enhance the agency's conservation easements programs; and for making the resulting recommendations to the Board.*

Meetings: *The Committee will meet as determined by the Committee chair in consultation with the Board Chair or staff.*

WATER MANAGEMENT & STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (WMSPC)

Membership:	Jack Ditmore, chair	citizen
	Tom Loveall	county commissioner
	Steve Sunderland	soil & water conservation district
	Kathryn Kelly	soil & water conservation district
	Joe Collins	watershed district/WMO
	Paige Winebarger	citizen
	Nathan Redalen	townships
	Andrea Date	metro cities
	Chris Elvrum	Department of Health
	Joel Larson	University of Minnesota Extension
	Glenn Skuta	Pollution Control Agency
	Jason Garms	Department of Natural Resources
	Jeff Berg	Department of Agriculture
	Kevin Bigalke	staff
	Jenny Gieseke	staff

Responsibility: *The Committee is responsible for the development of strategic plans for the Board including identification of key outcomes, partnerships and opportunities. The WMSPC is also responsible for the development of program and policy to guide and direct implementation of local water and watershed management plans, including the One Watershed - One Plan program.*

Meetings: *The Committee will meet as determined by the Committee chair in consultation with the Board Chair or staff.*

WETLAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (WCC)

Membership:	Tom Schulz, chair	soil & water conservation district
	Gerald Van Amburg	citizen
	Jack Ditmore	citizen
	Tom Loveall	county commissioner
	Neil Peterson	county commissioner
	Nathan Redalen	townships
	Todd Holman	non-metro cities
	Jill Crafton	watershed district/WMO
	Jason Garms	Department of Natural Resources
	Jeff Berg	Department of Agriculture
	Les Lemm	staff

Responsibility: *The Committee is responsible for reviewing Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) and wetland banking rules, policies, guidelines and projects.*

Meetings: *The Committee will meet as determined by the Committee chair in consultation with the Board Chair or staff.*

REGIONAL COMMITTEES:

Membership:

Northern

Rich Sve, chair - CC
Neil Peterson – CC
Gerald Van Amburg – CIT
Todd Holman - NMC
Tom Schulz – SWCD
Jeff Berg - MDA
Theresa Ebbenga - DNR
Suzanne Hanson - PCA
Ryan Hughes - staff

Southern

Nathan Redalen, chair - TWP
Kathryn Kelly - SWCD
Tom Loveall – CC
Jeff Berg - MDA
Harvey Kruger - WD
Steve Sunderland - SWCD
Chris Elvrum - MDH
Scott Roemhildt - DNR
Ed Lenz - staff

Central

Joe Collins, chair - WD
Paige Winebarger - CIT
Jill Crafton – WD
Joel Larson – UME
Jack Ditmore – CIT
Andrea Date – MC
Kathryn Kelly – SWCD
Nicole Blasing - PCA
Chris Elvrum – MDH
Grant Wilson – DNR
Kevin Bigalke - staff

Responsibility: *Each Committee has the responsibility to review county water plans, water management organization plans, watershed district plans, comprehensive wetland plans, and alternatives or amendments to same and to advise the Board on the adequacy of the plans. The Committees also hold hearings and make recommendations to the Board on establishment, dissolution, boundary changes and other specific local government plans and governance matters.*

Meetings: *The Committees will meet as necessary to review local water plans and amendments and hold hearings as ordered by the Board. Staff will coordinate meeting locations and schedules with members.*

CC = county commissioner

CIT = citizen

SWCD = soil and water conservation district

WD = watershed district

UME = University of Minnesota Extension

WMO = watershed management organization

MC = metro cities

NMC = non-metro cities

TWP = townships

NOTE: *Committee membership and proceedings are included in the Board Bylaws.*