

**Committee Roster  
June 2021**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)**

<b>Membership:</b>	Gerald Van Amburg, chair	citizen
	Tom Schulz, vice-chair	soil & water conservation district
	Kathryn Kelly	soil & water conservation district
	Jayne Hager Dee	soil & water conservation district
	Andrea Date	metro cities
	Rich Sve	county commissioner
	Joe Collins	watershed district
	Jill Crafton	watershed district
	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)**

<b>Membership:</b>	Joe Collins, chair	watershed district
	Gerald Van Amburg	citizen
	Ted Winter	citizen
	Rich Sve	county commissioner
	Tom Schulz	soil & water conservation district
	Kathryn Kelly	soil & water conservation district
	Kelly Kirkpatrick	non-metro city
	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)**

<b>Membership:</b>	Kathryn Kelly, chair	soil & water conservation district
	Rich Sve	county commissioner
	Neil Peterson	county commissioner
	Ted Winter	citizen
	Gerald Van Amburg	citizen
	Kelly Kirkpatrick	non-metro city
	LeRoy Ose	watershed district
	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)**

<b>Membership:</b>	Rich Sve, chair	county commissioner
	Gerald Van Amburg	citizen
	Joe Collins	watershed district
	Tom Schulz	soil & water conservation district
	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)

<b>Membership:</b>	Tom Schulz, chair	soil & water conservation district
	Kathryn Kelly	soil & water conservation district
	Ted Winter	citizen
	Andrea Date	metro cities
	Neil Peterson	county commissioner
	Rich Sve	county commissioner
	Jill Crafton	watershed district/
	Kelly Kirkpatrick	non-metro city
	LeRoy Ose	watershed district
	Glenn Skuta	Pollution Control Agency
	Jeff Berg	Department of Agriculture
	Kevin Bigalke (acting)	staff
	Marcey Westrick (acting)	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)

<b>Membership:</b>	Jayne Hager Dee, chair	soil & water conservation district
	Gerald Van Amburg	citizen
	Ted Winter	citizen
	Tom Schulz	soil & water conservation district
	Kathryn Kelly	soil & water conservation district
	LeRoy Ose	watershed district
	Steve Robertson	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)

<b>Membership:</b>	Andrea Date, chair	metro cities
	Jayne Hager Dee	soil & water conservation district
	Kathryn Kelly	soil & water conservation district
	Joe Collins	watershed district
	Eunice Biel	townships
	Steve Robertson	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)

<b>Membership:</b>	Jill Crafton, chair	watershed district
	Gerald Van Amburg	citizen
	Ted Winter	citizen
	Neil Peterson	county commissioner
	Jayne Hager Dee	soil & water conservation district
	Eunice Biel	townships
	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.*

## DRAINAGE WORK GROUP (DWG) LIAISON

Neil Peterson                                  county commissioner  
Tom Gile    staff

**Responsibility:** *The Drainage Work Group is responsible for developing recommendations for drainage system management and related water management, including recommendations for updating Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103E Drainage and related provisions.*

**Meetings:** *The work group will meet as determined by the staff.*

## REGIONAL COMMITTEES:

### **Membership:**

#### **Northern**

Rich Sve, chair – CC  
Neil Peterson – CC  
Gerald Van Amburg – CIT  
Tom Schulz – SWCD  
LeRoy Ose – WD  
Jeff Berg – MDA  
Theresa Ebbenga – DNR  
Theresa Haugen – PCA  
Ryan Hughes – staff

#### **Southern**

Ted Winter, chair – CIT  
Kathryn Kelly – SWCD  
Ted Winter – CIT  
Jeff Berg – MDA  
Kelly Kirkpatrick – NMC  
Eunice Biel – TWP  
Steve Robertson – MDH  
Scott Roemhildt – DNR  
Ed Lenz – staff

#### **Central**

Joe Collins, chair – WD  
Jill Crafton – WD  
Jayne Hager Dee – SWCD  
Andrea Date – MC  
Joel Larson – UME  
Melissa Lewis – PCA  
Steve Robertson – 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                                  WMO = watershed management organization (metro)  
CIT = citizen    MC = metro cities  
SWCD = soil and water conservation district                  NMC = non-metro cities  
WD = watershed district    TWP = townships  
UME = University of Minnesota Extension

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