

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
520 LAFAYETTE ROAD NORTH
CONFERENCE ROOM 600
ST. PAUL, MN 55155
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Collins, Jill Crafton, Andrea Date, Jayne Hager Dee, Kathryn Kelly, Neil Peterson, Rich Sve, Gerald Van Amburg, Ted Winter, LeRoy Ose, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Eunice Biel, Todd Holman, Ronald Staples, Mark Zabel, Glenn Skuta, MPCA; Joel Larson, University of Minnesota Extension; Whitney Place, MDA; Steve Robertson, MDH; Sarah Strommen, DNR

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

John Jaschke, Rachel Mueller, Kevin Bigalke, Tom Gile, Travis Germundson, Adam Beilke, Shaina Keseley, Ed Lenz, Marcey Westrick, Dan Shaw, Dave Copeland, Steve Christopher, Dave Weirens, Barb Peichel, Teresa Pickar, John Voz, Jeff Hrubes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeff Berg, MDA; Emily Javens, MAWD; LeAnn Buck, MASWCD; Alex Trunnell, Jan Voit, Raymond Bohn, Jackie Anderson, Sherry White, Caitlin Brady, Jamie Beyer, Skip Langer, Sheila Vanney

Chair Gerald VanAmburg called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**** 21-47 ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - Moved by Joe Collins, seconded by Todd Holman, to adopt the agenda as presented. ***Motion passed on a roll call vote.***

**** 21-48 MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 BOARD MEETING** – Moved by Jill Crafton, seconded by Neil Peterson, to approve the minutes of September 22, 2021, as circulated. ***Motion passed on a roll call vote.***

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

No members of the public provided comments to the board.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Chair Van Amburg read the statement:

“A conflict of interest, whether actual, potential, or perceived, occurs when someone in a position of trust has competing professional or personal interests, and these competing interests make it difficult to fulfill professional duties impartially. At this time, members are requested to declare conflicts of interest they may have regarding today’s business. Any member who declares an actual conflict of interest must not vote on that agenda item. All actual, potential, and perceived conflicts of interest will be announced to the board by staff before any vote.”

REPORTS

Chair & Administrative Advisory Committee – Chair Gerald Van Amburg reported the committee has not met. He attended the EQB meeting October 20 where they gave an update on the next steps for the Climate in Environmental Review Pilot Program. They reviewed a draft organizational work plan for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. Stated they heard an overview of the 2021 Intergovernmental Panel on the Climate Change Report and how it relates to Minnesota. They were also given a progress update on the 2020 State Water Plan.

Chair Van Amburg stated there are three board positions up for appointment at the first of the year for County Commissioner, SWCD, and Watershed District positions.

Executive Director’s Report - John Jaschke reported BWSR Academy is taking place virtually with/for staff of local governments to receive training and share ideas. BWSR and other agencies are in the pre-legislative timeframe and are submitting suggestions to the administration for supplemental policy, budget, and bonding. Governor’s recommendations will be made in January or February. Stated there is a Climate Advisory Council meeting today that also involves Subcabinet members.

John reviewed the day-of-packet that included a BWSR staff listing, an updated organizational chart, November SnapShots, Metro WBIF proposed amendment, and the Clean Water Fund Watershed-based Implementational funding board order.

Audit and Oversight Committee – Joe Collins reported the committee has not met.

Dispute Resolution and Compliance Report – Travis Germundson reported there are currently four appeals pending. There have been no new appeals filed since the last Board Meeting.

A correction in File 21-3, it indicated the appeal was placed in abeyance and the restoration order stayed for submittal of an after-the-fact wetland restoration and replacement plan application. This notation should have been attached to file 21-1. 21-3 is an appeal of a restoration order for Mille Lacs County where they appeal has been denied and the restoration order affirmed.

File 21-1 (8-16-2021) This is an appeal of a WCA Notice of Decision involving a no-loss determination in Kittson County. The appeal regards the denial of a no-loss determination for wetland impacts associated with the construction of road, ditch, and additional fill material. No decision has been made on the appeal.

File 19-7 and 18-3 stated they are working with the parties on coming together on a settlement agreement.

Buffer Compliance status update, Travis stated there are about 100 parcels a month being resolved.

Grants Program & Policy Committee – Todd Holman reported they met October 8 with two actions on the agenda for today. Next meeting is November 9th and need to establish a quorum at the beginning of the meeting. Stated the committee is trying to get a recurring meeting date set.

RIM Reserve Committee – Jayne Hager Dee reported the committee has not met.

Water Management & Strategic Planning Committee – Andrea Date reported the committee has not met but has been working with the Grants Program and Policy Committee on Watershed Based Implementation Funding. The next meeting will be November 29th.

Wetland Conservation Committee – Jill Crafton reported the committee has not met.

Buffers, Soils & Drainage Committee – Tom Gile reported the committee has not met.

Drainage Work Group (DWG) – Neil Peterson and Tom Gile reported the committee met on October 14th. They discussed the local road authority's responsibilities under Minn. Stat. § 103E.525, subd. 2, towards drainage improvement projects in light of the matter of Red Lake Watershed Project #19, 1997 WL 881169. This topic had a very robust discussion and expects they will have further conversation and/or clarification to come through the DWG in the coming months.

Stated BWSR staff led a question and answer session with the DWG membership on the development of new Water Storage and Soil Health Initiatives, which are under development. Conversation around the Soil Health was a briefer for this group given the drainage focus of the DWG but was still helpful. Stated the storage discussion was very productive.

At the meeting DNR staff provided an overview and description of how early coordination of drainage projects with the DNR can help get comments and feedback to a Drainage Authority in a more systematic way, which can ideally result in a more streamline review process and less findings/requests at a later point in the process.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2021.

AGENCY REPORTS

Minnesota Department of Agriculture – Whitney Place reported Commissioner Petersen is in Washington DC at the Annual Tri-National Agricultural Accord. Stated harvest is wrapping up for many of the crops in Minnesota. Topsoil moisture and subsoil moisture is down and they are hoping for more

water over the winter to help build soil moisture back up. The Ag Water Quality Soil Certification program continues to move forward and is on track to meet Governor Walz's goal of 1 million certified acres by the end of 2022. Conversations are happening at Federal level around the farm bill with potential for an increase in conservation funding. Stated the implementation of the Groundwater Protection Rule has been ramping up, they are getting local advisory teams together and the work is beginning.

Whitney stated this is the second year growing season for fall restrictions of nitrogen fertilizer application on sensitive soils. Farmers should be checking MDA's website to see the map that will show if they are subject to the fall fertilizer restrictions.

Stated they are working on their supplemental budget and bonding proposals for the next legislative session. Governor Walz announced a drought package they would like to see go through where part of it would be for disaster loans and the other part for rapid response grants.

Jill Crafton noted a report about the natural resources deficit and translating that into economic terms and why we need to be investing in it.

Minnesota Department of Health – Steve Robertson reported COVID continues to be their first priority and they continue to have some of their working units compromised due to reassignments. Stated the Health Risk Assessment Program will start reviewing compounds found in Minnesota waters. The statewide PFAS monitoring phase 1 sampling is complete. They sampled approximately 100 public water systems statewide. Phase 2 is underway and will be completing it later this year or early next year then starting phase 3. Information on statewide PFAS monitoring will be coming out incrementally through a portal that will be online in about a month.

MDA staff and partners have been working in conjunction with BWSR staff to provide information and training on groundwater and drinking water assessments and protection activities through BWSR Academy and stated they are happy to be part of it.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Sarah Strommen reported that we are coming into fall hunting season, and that it's a busy time at DNR. One of the messages they are focusing on is the work behind hunting opportunities in Minnesota. Focusing on the habitat, population, and wildlife health management work that makes Minnesota's hunting experiences what they are. Stated they have monthly Commissioner's office hours with DNR leadership. Each month they have a different theme and it's open to the public.

Commissioner Strommen stated they announced a package of drought relief proposals out of DNR that will be spread across four programs. The first is to address seedling mortality and the loss of seedlings suffering from the drought this last year. The second is a supplement to the Community Tree Grant Program. Third is the Water Conservation Grant Program for domestic water suppliers and the final is a Wild Interference Resolution Fund. More information is available on their website.

Chair VanAmburg asked if there is any update on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Sarah stated it has been an issue for some time. There are new areas subject to testing and are encouraging hunters to make a plan and know what the CWD regulations are.

Mark Zabel asked about the 3:00 p.m. session today at the monthly Commissioner office hours. Commissioner Strommen stated it's an opportunity for the public to meet with all five of the DNR Commissioners to ask questions about the selected topic. Today's topic is habitat management and the work that goes into making successful hunting seasons in Minnesota. Every Wednesday at noon DNR does an outdoor skills webinar, this week is on deer hunting and CWD. Information can be accessed on their website.

Minnesota Extension – Joel Larson reported the Water Resources conference last week was successful and had a record number of registrations. Announced last month the University is the host for the new US Geological Survey Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center. It will provide resources to help develop research and applicable information and tools for natural resource management and climate including agriculture and urban landscapes.

The University received support from Minnesota Corn Growers and some state funding that was allocated at the last legislative session to support a new extension educator position. They will focus on agriculture and natural resource landscapes and helping others working in those landscapes understand and better adapt to the changes in climate that are already happening.

Similar to the work that they've done on nitrogen and nitrogen management called Nitrogen Smart, Joel stated they are doing another one on carbon, carbon management, and soils. They are coordinating with Minnesota office for Soil Health, BWSR, and the Ag Water Quality Certification Program.

The Soil Management Summit is being held on December 14 and 15 in Mankato and will be an in person event.

Neil Peterson thanked Joel for the carbon sequestration project and would like more information.

Whitney Place stated they have been taking a look at the different carbon markets coming up in the private sector and some of the public options. They are working with a farmer's legal action group to develop a guidance document for growers to take a look at the different markets. As work progresses they will share information with the board.

Jill Crafton stated it was the best Water Resources Conference she attended and thanked them for the event.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Glenn Skuta reported they completed their third annual survey on the connection and consistency between Watershed Restoration Protection Strategies (WRAPS) and One Watershed One Plan (1W1P). Surveyed local partners who participated in the development of WRAPS for 1W1P local plans that were completed in the previous calendar year. Glenn stated they are finding high levels of satisfaction from local and state partners.

ADVISORY COMMENTS

Association of Minnesota Counties – No report was provided.

Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees – No report was provided.

Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts – LeAnn Buck reported their 84th annual convention is meeting December 13 and 14 in Bloomington. They will be focusing on the SWCD role with climate and resiliency. There will also be a forum for their members on grass root policy deliberations

and will be voting on the board packet December 14. LeAnn stated the district received and approved the Federal NRCS Grant. LeAnne thanked Sharon Doucette for attending the last MASWCD Board of Directors meeting. Stated are getting ready to look at the 2022 legislative session.

Minnesota Association of Townships – Eunice Biel reported they had their annual education conference virtually in September. They discussed the challenges of the community septic systems, legal issues for townships, and the town road law. All webinar sessions are recorded and available on their website. Eunice stated there are local operational research grants for townships, 2021 assistance for fire fighters' grants, and also community facilities direct loan and grant programs for townships. Townships can use their expertise on what they need it for and can submit a proposal.

Eunice stated there is an organization called Rural Investment to Protect our Environment (RIPE). They are proposing a climate policy to include a fair return for agricultural producers for their voluntary investments in stewardship practices. They have a webpage called www.riperoadmap.org and are in process of submitting comments to USDA.

Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts – Emily Javens reported their convention has been moved to be online December 1-3. Emily stated she submitted a request to defer action on the Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) item listed on today's agenda for a portion of the board order. The request is it be deferred until rulemaking can be considered.

Joe Collins stated he will be requesting to read an amendment for the board to consider when discussing the WBIF agenda item.

Jill Crafton stated she supports deferring the item.

Natural Resources Conservation Service – No report was provided.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Proposed BWSR Board Meeting Schedule – John Jaschke presented 2022 Proposed BWSR Board Meeting Schedule.

Meeting dates are being proposed for board meetings in 2022. Most meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. The proposed calendar has meetings held in the same months as the 2021 calendar.

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21-49 Moved by Neil Peterson, seconded by Kathryn Kelly, to approve the 2022 Proposed BWSR Board Meeting Schedule. ***Motion passed on a roll call vote.***

Chair Van Amburg recessed the meeting at 10:48 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 11:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Southern Region Committee

Greater Zumbro Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – Adam Beilke, Shaina Keseley, and Ed Lenz presented Greater Zumbro Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

The Watershed Alliance for the Greater Zumbro (Partnership) was selected by BWSR for a One Watershed, One Plan Planning Grant in August of 2018. The Partnership established a Memorandum of

Agreement on June 25, 2018 for the purposes of watershed planning. Planning was initiated on March 1, 2019 via notification to designated plan review authorities. The Partnership has followed One Watershed, One Plan Operating Procedures and the Policy Committee, Technical Advisory Group, and Planning Work Group members have attended regularly scheduled meetings and kept open communication throughout Plan development. The Partnership submitted the Greater Zumbro Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan) to BWSR on August 30, 2021 for review and approval. The Southern Regional Committee (Committee) met on October 7, 2021 to review the planning process, the content of the Plan, State agency comments on the Plan, and to make a recommendation for approval. The Committee recommends approval by the full Board.

Joe Collins stated he thinks its admirable that the measurable goals recognizes WRAPS, TMDL reports, and the Surface Water Management Plan. Stated it looks like their using scientific approaches to develop the measurable goals.

Jill Crafton asked what concerns were in the six comment letters. Adam stated most of the letters received were considering updates on some of the parts in the appendices of the plan. MPCA had some comments regarding the values being used out of the HSPF tool, other comments were wide ranging and nothing significant in terms of needing wholesale changes to the plan content.

Glenn Skuta stated MPCA had some concerns about the modeling information that was used but when they worked with partners everything was resolved and are happy with how it worked out. Glenn thanked the local group for the work on this plan.

Chair Van Amburg stated on page 1-3 of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, the Issue and Resource Prioritization, when looking at Level 2, the Landscape Resiliency and Altered Hydrology may be something that directly affects Surface Water Quality Degradation and Accelerated Erosion and Sedimentation. Asked for feedback on why the placement of that is in Level 2 as opposed to Level 1. Adam stated that after identifying issues and prioritizing them a recurring theme was looking forward into implementation with the ability to address multiple concerns through some of the other actions. This is one they felt could be partially addressed by actions taken to address Level 1 concerns.

Kelly Kirkpatrick stated we need to look at construction practices with the quantity of rain we've received in short periods of time in the last 40 years. Kelly asked if this policy goes far enough to protect our surface water as we continue to alter and redefine out built environment and create more impermeable surfaces. Adam stated one of their top Level 1 issues is Water Quantity and Excessive Flooding, which is a top concern and has implementation actions toward that.

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21-50 Moved by Kathryn Kelly, seconded by Kelly Kirkpatrick, to approve the Greater Zumbro Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. ***Motion passed on a roll call vote.***

Grants Program and Policy Committee

Clean Water Fund Watershed-based Implementation Funding Program – Kevin Bigalke and Marcey Westrick presented Clean Water Fund Watershed-based Implementation Funding Program.

BWSR staff have met over the past 6 months with an internal staff team (Clean Water Team), BWSR Executive Team, and BWSR Board Committees (Grants Program and Policy and Water Management and Strategic Planning) to discuss the policy, and allocations for the Watershed-based Implementation Funding Program.

The BWSR Grants Program and Policy Committee reviewed the policy and allocation authorizations on October 8, 2021 and made a recommendation to the full Board. The Draft 2022-2023 Clean Water Fund Watershed-based Implementation Funding Program policy and board order are attached based on the recommendations of the Grants Program and Policy Committee.

Jill Crafton stated that there is enough concern that we need to separate the metro section and would like to vote on it separately.

Joe Collins proposed to amend the motion requesting the Board adopt the 2022-2023 Clean Water Fund Watershed-based Implementation Funding Program Policy and its funding allocations for areas outside the seven-county Metropolitan Area. Joe also requests the Board consider whether the development and implementation of the enhanced SWCD plans require rulemaking for the areas in the seven-county Metropolitan Area.

Jayne Hager Dee stated she would like to adopt the initial order so we don't stall projects and can adjust things as we go. Jill Crafton stated she doesn't think it's stopping any projects in the metro area. Jayne stated watershed districts have levy authority and have additional funding sources that SWCD's don't and stated this funding will be held up in the metro if it's not approved.

Mark Zabel stated SWCD plans outside of the metro planning under the 1W1P has a voluntary process and has included SWCD planning efforts. It has been different within the metro because of concerns that only plans formed under the 103B authority of the Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act would be eligible to receive funding. The enhanced planning makes the planning effort of an SWCD eligible as the basis for funding priority projects. He stated programs in an SWCD plan are now eligible to be considered in the same way as plans from cities and watersheds under 103B. The enhanced planning with an SWCD make those plans eligible to provide funding for projects being considered under WBIF. The SWCD plans will follow a similar process to the 103B planning where there is more accountability and scrutiny from the public.

Joe Collins commented many of the watershed districts in the metro area have contractual agreements already with SWCDs. The Attorney from MAWD is questioning whether or not rulemaking is required to develop the enhanced plan. If we adopt the plan as proposed and if MAWD chooses to petition for rule making, Joe stated he doesn't know what the impact would be.

Sarah Strommen asked if we know how long it might take to get an answer on whether rule making is required and asked if we would have this by the next board meeting. Stated she has concerns about tabling the item with uncertainty on when we might get back to it. Joe Collins stated he would like a response before the next meeting regarding the metro component.

Todd Holman stated he is in opposition of the amendment for not knowing a timeframe and not knowing the need. Todd is interested in the framework or process itself and stated they did not discuss rulemaking at the committee level. He would like to keep the conversation going but not hold up the board order and would also like to see the amendment go through committee before coming to the board.

Mark Zabel stated if we were to go ahead with the board order as presented and MAWD were to request the Attorney General's opinion or petition for rule making, the impact, if it was determined that rule making is required, would hold up the enhanced SWCD plans until rulemaking is completed. Then

they would go through the process to become eligible. Mark stated he believes it would be a narrow impact to a specific area.

John Jaschke stated that an external party can ask the attorney general for an opinion where they may or may not respond and the timing is indeterminant. Under the existing statutes of Chapter 103C rulemaking authority is specific to the cost share contracts that the state provides funding for to SWCDs, which is the only authority stated in Chapter 103C and does not apply to the plan more broadly than the state cost share program connection. Rulemaking is also in statute that applies to chapter 103B Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act and is a different matter altogether. John stated the referenced Chapter 14 authority for an agency to do general rulemaking seems secondary to the Chapter 103C statutory rulemaking authority. John stated that moving forward is prudent and if a decision comes forward that rule making is required then we would follow that requirement.

Chair Van Amburg agrees we should move forward.

Ted Winter asked why the SWCD plan proposals are a problem for the Water Management Organizations (WMO). John Jaschke stated that they get along well and work together. The optional SWCD enhanced plan is a structural measure potentially important to make the program work everywhere and have the basis for the priority project selection be clear and common. SWCDs would be doing it on a watershed basis, which is different than what was done in the last two pilots with the 33 metro planning areas as the allocation areas with the 1W1P as a component of it. Another addition is the process for BWSR Board approval of an SWCD plan if it's going to be used for the WBIF purpose.

Ted Winter asked if the WMOs have been the only ones able to submit a plan to the Board and if we're now going to use SWCD in coordination with them or separately from them. John Jaschke stated there were two prior iterations and for each of them all eligible organizations were eligible to do projects. The only thing changing is adding conditions and process to the SWCD plan that didn't exist before to make it more public and more focused on the watershed and on the prioritization projects within the watershed by using the guidance document that was drafted.

John Jaschke stated the proposed amendment is to defer the metro region funding.

Moved by Joe Collins, seconded by Jill Crafton, to approve the amended Clean Water Fund Watershed-based Implementation Funding Program. ***Motion did not pass on a roll call vote.***

Joe Collins proposed an amendment in item number two of the Board Order the addition of "and in consideration of MN Rule Chapter Part 8410.0060" to be added after Minnesota Statute 103C.331.

Kevin Bigalke stated they are comfortable with the addition.

Ted Winter asked if SWCD plans will have to comply with same rules that are being used on WMO plans and if they will follow the same procedure for selection and implementation. Kevin Bigalke stated section 8410.0060 of MN Rule is specific to the contents of which should be considered in a comprehensive plan. There is a level of consistency and it is an acceptable addition to provide clarity.

Moved by Joe Collins, seconded by Jill Crafton, to approve the amended Board Order for the Clean Water Fund Watershed-based Implementation Funding Program. ***Motion passed on a roll call vote.***

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21-51 Moved by Joe Collins, seconded by Jill Crafton, to approve the amended Clean Water Fund Watershed-based Implementation Funding Program. ***Motion passed on a roll call vote.***

Lawns to Legumes Phase 2 Demonstration Neighborhood Grant Program – Dan Shaw presented Lawns to Legumes Phase 2 Demonstration Neighborhood Grant Program.

The Lawns to Legumes Phase 2 Demonstration Neighborhood Grants Program was recently awarded a little over \$2 million dollars by the Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund.

A few items that are recommended to be new in Phase 2:

- Demonstration Neighborhood grants can also focus on educational and community spaces.
- Definition of “at-risk” pollinators are also included.
- The ranking criteria and point system has changed. In the ranking, we are looking for more geographic distribution by focusing on a wider range of at-risk species (rather than only focusing on currently known Rusty Patch Bumble Bee locations).
- There are two funding appropriations with different end dates. As a result, applicants will be asked if they could use three years instead of two.
- A limit has been established for the cost of equipment.
- A limit on project costs has been established for residential or community space and educational landscapes.

In addition to approving the policy, the board order also authorizes the fiscal year 2022 Lawns to Legumes Phase 2 Demonstration Neighborhood Grants Program and authorizes staff to finalize and issue a Request for Proposals. The Grants Program and Policy Committee reviewed these recommendations on October 8, 2021 and recommends the attached policy and order to the board.

Jill Crafton asked if a report could be provided to the board to give them a sense on how it’s working, the response, and where some of the neighborhoods are. Dan stated they could report back to the board on some of the specific outcomes related to these demonstration neighborhoods, which would include the number of projects being done and information on insect benefits specifically for these projects and equity benefits.

Chair Van Amburg asked if they were considering college campuses as a possibility. Dan stated they could be part of the demonstration neighborhoods this round since they are including education landscape and community spaces.

Kelly Kirkpatrick asked if there was a reason why this program isn’t partnering with U of M Extension. Dan stated they are involved through the Master Gardner’s program and have been involved and connected with some extension staff. Kelly stated she would like to see the Lawns and Legumes program promoted more.

Joel Larson stated they would be happy to talk to get ideas on how to better promote the program.

Mark Zabel asked if there was any mapping of what would be considered high priority areas or corridors where additional promotion by SWCDs or other partners might produce some high benefits results. Dan stated they have a map on their website they have been using for the program . It’s what their using for

ranking the individual support grants but it's also being used partially for the ranking of demonstration neighborhood grants. Stated there is a diverse group of experts on the advisory team program that are involved in the ranking of these demonstration neighborhood grants. They have been talking about trying to refine some of their mapping and have also done a pollinator mapping pilot effort in Washington County to map high priority planting areas in that county. Stated that right now they have a combination of different corridor mapping.

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Moved by Ted Winter, seconded by Jill Crafton, to approve the Lawns to Legumes Phase 2 Demonstration Neighborhood Grant Program. ***Motion passed on a roll call vote.***

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Northern Region Committee meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wild Rice Watershed District in Ada.
- Northern Region Committee meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center Meeting Room in Graceville.
- Grants Program and Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. through WebEx.
- Water Management and Strategic Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. through WebEx.
- Northern Region Committee meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. location TBD.
- Central Region Committee meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. through WebEx.
- BWSR Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lower Level Conference Rooms at 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul and by WebEx.

Joe Collins wanted to acknowledge the work for the WBIF plan and thanked everyone for their work.

Chair Van Amburg also wanted to thank all of BWSR staff for their work.

Chair VanAmburg adjourned the meeting at 12:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald Van Amburg
Chair