Committee Roster
May 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

Membership:
- Gerald Van Amburg, chair, citizen
- Todd Holman, citizen
- Mark Zabel, soil & water conservation district
- Jayne Hager Dee, soil & water conservation district
- 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 program and policy 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:
- Joe Collins, chair, watershed district
- Gerald Van Amburg, citizen
- Ted Winter, citizen
- Rich Sve, county commissioner
- Kurt Beckstrom, soil & water conservation district
- Mark Zabel, soil & water conservation district
- Kelly Kirkpatrick, Greater MN city
- Vacant, 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:  
Mark Zabel, chair  soil & water conservation district  
Rich Sve  county commissioner  
Neil Peterson  county commissioner  
Ron Staples  county commissioner  
Ted Winter  citizen  
Gerald Van Amburg  citizen  
Kelly Kirkpatrick  Greater MN 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)

Membership:  
Rich Sve, chair  county commissioner  
Gerald Van Amburg  citizen  
Todd Holman  citizen  
Joe Collins  watershed district  
Mark Zabel  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)

Membership: Todd Holman, chair citizen
Ted Winter citizen
Kurt Beckstrom soil & water conservation district
Mark Zabel soil & water conservation district
Carly Johnson Metro cities
Neil Peterson county commissioner
Rich Sve county commissioner
Jill Crafton watershed district/
Kelly Kirkpatrick Greater MN city
LeRoy Ose watershed district
Glenn Skuta Pollution Control Agency
Jeff Berg Department of Agriculture
Marcey Westrick 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: Jayne Hager Dee, chair soil & water conservation district
Gerald Van Amburg citizen
Ted Winter citizen
Todd Holman citizen
Kurt Beckstrom soil & water conservation district
LeRoy Ose watershed district
Ron Staples county commissioner
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)

Membership:

Joe Collins, chair, watershed district
Jayne Hager Dee, soil & water conservation district
Kurt Beckstrom, soil & water conservation district
Mark Zabel, soil & water conservation district
Eunice Biel, townships
Todd Holman, citizen
Carly Johnson, Metro cities
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
Marcey Westrick, 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:

Jill Crafton, chair, watershed district
Gerald Van Amburg, citizen
Ted Winter, citizen
Neil Peterson, county commissioner
Ron Staples, 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
Ron Staples  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  Southern  Central
Neil Peterson – CC  Eunice Biel – TWP  Jill Crafton – WD
Ron Staples – CC  Kelly Kirkpatrick – GMC  Jayne Hager Dee – SWCD
Gerald Van Amburg – CIT  Jeff Berg – MDA  Mark Zabel – SWCD
Todd Holman – CIT  Steve Robertson – MDH  Carly Johnson – MC
LeRoy Ose – WD  Scott Roehmildt – DNR  Joel Larson – UME
Kurt Beckstrom  Ed Lenz – staff  Melissa Lewis – PCA
Jeff Berg – MDA  Scott Robertson – MDH  Steve Robertson – MDH
Theresa Ebbenga – DNR  Grant Wilson – DNR  Grant Wilson – DNR
Theresa Haugen – PCA  Marcey Westrick – staff
Ryan Hughes – 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.