

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
520 LAFAYETTE ROAD NORTH
ST. PAUL, MN 55155
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023**

AGENDA

9:00 AM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2023 BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM (10-minute agenda time, two-minute limit/person)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

- Eric Forward, Easement Acquisition Specialist
- Jen Swartz, Easement Acquisition Specialist
- Kristina Geiger, Program Analyst
- Sumbal Rana, Assistant Program Analyst
- Kevin Roth, Easement Programs Coordinator
- Sara Reagan, Easement Programs Coordinator
- Don Bajumpaa, PRAP Coordinator

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

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 members or staff before any vote.

REPORTS

- Chair & Administrative Advisory Committee – Todd Holman
- Executive Director – John Jaschke
- Audit & Oversight Committee – Joe Collins
- Dispute Resolution and Compliance Report – Travis Germundson/Rich Sve
- Grants Program & Policy Committee – Mark Zabel
- RIM Reserve Committee – Jayne Hager Dee
- Water Management & Strategic Planning Committee – Joe Collins
- Wetland Conservation Committee – Jill Crafton
- Buffers, Soils & Drainage Committee – LeRoy Ose
- Drainage Work Group – Neil Peterson/Tom Gile

AGENCY REPORTS

- Minnesota Department of Agriculture – Thom Petersen
- Minnesota Department of Health – Steve Robertson
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Sarah Strommen
- Minnesota Extension – Joel Larson
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Katrina Kessler

ADVISORY COMMENTS

- Association of Minnesota Counties – Brian Martinson
- Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees – Mike Schultz
- Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts – LeAnn Buck
- Minnesota Association of Townships – Eunice Biel
- Minnesota Watersheds – Jan Voit
- Natural Resources Conservation Service – Troy Daniell

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Grants Program and Policy Committee

1. CWF FY 24 competitive grant application recommendations – Annie Felix-Gerth – ***DECISION ITEM***

Water Management and Strategic Planning Committee

1. Nonpoint Priority Funding Plan Revision – Julie Westerlund – ***DECISION ITEM***

Northern Region Committee

1. Mississippi River – Brainerd Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – Todd Holman, Steve Barrows, Ryan Hughes, and Darren Mayers – ***DECISION ITEM***

Wetland Conservation Committee

1. Local Government Roads Wetland Replacement Program Easement Acquisition Payment Rate – Les Lemm and Dennis Rodacker – ***DECISION ITEM***

RIM Reserve Committee

1. Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Easement Enhancement Program – Sharon Doucette – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. RIM Easement Alteration Request for MnDOT Highway 93 Improvements – Easement #72-01-17-01 – Karli Swenson – ***DECISION ITEM***
3. RIM Easement Alteration Request for MnDOT Highway 93 Improvements – Easement #72-04-93-01 – Karli Swenson – ***DECISION ITEM***
4. Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve Critical Shorelands Program – Bill Penning – ***DECISION ITEM***
5. Reinvest in Minnesota Reserve – Working Lands Program – Bill Penning – ***DECISION ITEM***
6. Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reforestation Program – Bill Penning – ***DECISION ITEM***
7. Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD) Stream Restoration Program – John Voz – ***DECISION ITEM***
8. Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve Grasslands Program – John Voz – ***DECISION ITEM***

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Northern Region Committee is scheduled for January 3rd time and location TBD and by MS Teams.
- Southern Region Committee is scheduled for January 5th at 10:00 a.m. in New Ulm and by MS Teams.
- BWSR Board meeting is scheduled for January 24th at 9:00 a.m. in St. Paul and by MS Teams.

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