

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
520 LAFAYETTE ROAD NORTH
ST. PAUL, MN 55155
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024**

AGENDA

9:00 AM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2024 BOARD MEETING

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

- Chad Hildebrand, Buffer Specialist
- Jared House, Soils Programming 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 – Jason Garms
- 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
- Red River Water Management Board – Rob Sip

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Dispute Resolution Committee

1. WCA Appeal (File 23-4) of a Wetland Bank Plan Decision Aitkin County – Rich Sve, Oliver Larson, and Travis Germundson – ***DECISION ITEM***

Grants Program and Policy Committee

1. Cooperative Weed Management Area Grants – Dan Shaw – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Habitat-Friendly Utilities Program – Dan Shaw – ***DECISION ITEM***
3. FY25 Conservation Reserve Program State Incentives Grant Program – Jason Beckler – ***DECISION ITEM***

Northern Regional Committee

1. Rainy Headwaters-Vermilion Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – Rich Sve, Ryan Hughes, and Chad Severts – ***DECISION ITEM***

RIM Reserve Committee

1. Easement Alteration Request - RIM Easement #46-17-99-01 – Karli Swenson – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Easement Alteration Request – RIM Easement #67-01-07-04 – Karli Swenson – ***DECISION ITEM***

NEW BUSINESS

1. Soil Health Action Framework – Tom Gile, Suzanne Rhees, and Marcelle Lewandowski – ***INFORMATION ITEM***

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Wetland Conservation Committee is scheduled for April 29th at 9:30 a.m. by MS Teams.
- Grants Program and Policy Committee is scheduled for May 13th at 8:30 a.m. in St. Paul and by MS Teams.
- BWSR Board meeting is scheduled for May 22nd at 9:00 a.m. in St. Paul and by MS Teams.

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