

Committee Roster Effective February 2025

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)</u>

Membership: Todd Holman, chair 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
Leroy Ose 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 may make evaluations and recommendations to the Board on various Board issues including ethics; expenses/per diem; bylaws; and implementing 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

Todd Holman citizen
Ted Winter citizen

Rich Sve county commissioner

Tom Schulz soil & water conservation district
Mark Zabel soil & water conservation district

Vacancy Greater MN city

Andrea Fish 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: LeRoy Ose, chair watershed district

Rich Sve county commissioner
Neil Peterson county commissioner
Ron Staples county commissioner

Ted Winter citizen

Mark Zabel soil & water conservation district

Vacancy Greater MN city

Jeff Berg Department of Agriculture

Jason Garms Department of Natural Resources

Heather Johnson 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 related 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

Jayne Hager Dee soil & water conservation district

Todd Holman citizen

Joe Collins watershed district

Mark Zabel soil & water conservation district

Travis Germundson staff

Responsibility: The Committee is responsible for hearing appeals, including those related to the Wetland Conservation Act, 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: Mark Zabel, chair soil & water conservation district

Todd Holman citizen
Ted Winter citizen

Tom Schulz soil & water conservation district

Mike Runk Metro cities

Neil Peterson county commissioner
Rich Sve county commissioner
Jill Crafton watershed district
Vacancy Greater MN city
LeRoy Ose watershed district

Melissa Lewis Pollution Control Agency
Jeff Berg Department of Agriculture

Marcey Westrick staff

Responsibility: The Committee is responsible for reviewing grant allocations, policies, and related procedures and making recommendations to the Board.

Meetings: The Committee will meet as determined by the Committee chair in consultation with the Board Chair or staff.

RIM RESERVE COMMITTEE (RRC)

Membership: Jayne Hager Dee, chair soil & water conservation district

Ted Winter citizen Lori Cox citizen

Tom Schulz 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 reviewing RIM Reserve Program statutes, rules, policies, guidelines, rates and for considering 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 Deesoil & water conservation districtTom Schulzsoil & water conservation districtMark Zabelsoil & water conservation district

Eunice Biel townships Mike Runk Metro cities

Steve Robertson Department of Health

Joel Larson University of Minnesota Extension

Melissa Lewis 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

Ted Winter citizen

Neil Peterson county commissioner
Ron Staples county commissioner

Lori Cox citizen 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 plans.

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
Rich Sve, chair – CC	Ted Winter, chair – CIT	Joe Collins, chair – WD
Neil Peterson – CC	Eunice Biel – TWP	Jill Crafton – WD
Ron Staples – CC	Jeff Berg – MDA	Jayne Hager Dee – SWCD
Todd Holman – CIT	Steve Robertson – MDH	Mark Zabel – SWCD
LeRoy Ose – WD	Scott Roemhildt – DNR	Mike Runk – MC
Tom Schulz – SWCD	Heather Johnson – PCA	Lori Cox - CIT
Jeff Berg – MDA	Ed Lenz – staff	Joel Larson – UME
Ben Bergey – DNR		Heather Johnson – PCA
Chad Anderson – PCA		Steve Robertson – MDH
Ryan Hughes – staff		Grant Wilson – DNR
		Marcey Westrick – staff

Responsibility: Each Committee has the responsibility to review county water plans, water management organization plans, watershed district plans, comprehensive wetland plans, comprehensive watershed management plans and alternatives or amendments to same and to advise the Board on the adequacy of the plans. The Committee may 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 Committee will meet as necessary to review plans and amendments and hold hearings as ordered or as delegated 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 guided by the Board Bylaws.