

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
520 LAFAYETTE ROAD NORTH
ST. PAUL, MN 55155
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**

AGENDA

9:00 AM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF AUGUST 26, 2021 BOARD MEETING

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

- Teresa Pickar, Financial Analyst
- Rick Ingli, Easement Acquisition Specialist
- Brittany Polzin, Easement Acquisition Specialist

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 staff before any vote.

REPORTS

- Chair & Administrative Advisory Committee – Gerald Van Amburg
- Executive Director – John Jaschke
- Audit & Oversight Committee – Joe Collins
- Dispute Resolution and Compliance Report – Travis Germundson/Rich Sve
- Grants Program & Policy Committee – Todd Holman
- RIM Reserve Committee – Jayne Hager Dee
- Water Management & Strategic Planning Committee – Andrea Date
- Wetland Conservation Committee – Jill Crafton
- Buffers, Soils & Drainage Committee – Kathryn Kelly
- 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 – Nicole Bernd
- Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts – LeAnn Buck
- Minnesota Association of Townships – Eunice Biel
- Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts – Emily Javens
- Natural Resources Conservation Service – Troy Daniell

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Grants Program and Policy Committee

1. Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 Natural Resources Block Grants Authorization – Kevin Bigalke and Marcey Westrick – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Fiscal Year 2022 SWCD Local Capacity Grant Authorization – Kevin Bigalke and Marcey Westrick – ***DECISION ITEM***

Southern Region Committee

1. Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects Biennial Plan & Area II Floodplain Management Grant – Ted Winter – ***DECISION ITEM***

Northern Region Committee

1. Mississippi River Headwaters Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – Rich Sve and Ryan Hughes – ***DECISION ITEM***

Central Region Committee

1. Mississippi Watershed Management Organization Watershed Management Plan – Steve Christopher – ***DECISION ITEM***

RIM Committee

1. Resolution Authorizing the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve - Targeted RIM Easement Program to the Individual Parcel: Pine & Leech Watersheds Phases 1 and 2 – Sharon Doucette – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Resolution Authorizing the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve - Riparian Habitat Protection in the Kettle and Snake River Watersheds – Sharon Doucette – ***DECISION ITEM***
3. Resolution Reauthorizing the RIM Rum River Watershed Protection Program – Sharon Doucette – ***DECISION ITEM***
4. Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Wetlands Program – Sharon Doucette – ***DECISION ITEM***
5. Resolution Authorizing RIM Buffers Program – Sharon Doucette – ***DECISION ITEM***
6. Resolution Authorizing the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve - Lower Otter Tail River Corridor Habitat Restoration – Sharon Doucette – ***DECISION ITEM***

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Southern Region Committee is scheduled for October 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Murray Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), 2740 22nd Street, Slayton and by phone or virtually.
- Central Region Committee meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul and by WebEx.
- Grants Program and Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. 520 Lafayette Road, St. Paul and by WebEx.
- BWSR Board meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Lower Level Conference Rooms at 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul and by WebEx.
- Northern Region Committee meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Wild Rice Watershed District 11 5th Avenue East, Ada and by phone or virtually.

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