

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
HOLIDAY INN AUSTIN CONFERENCE CENTER
1701 4TH STREET NORTHWEST
AUSTIN, MN 55155
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Collins, Jill Crafton, Andrea Date, Jayne Hager Dee, Kathryn Kelly, Gerald Van Amburg, Ted Winter, LeRoy Ose, Eunice Biel, Todd Holman, Ronald Staples, Mark Zabel, Katrina Kessler, MPCA; Joel Larson, University of Minnesota Extension; Whitney Place, MDA; Steve Robertson, MDH

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Neil Peterson, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Rich Sve, Sarah Strommen, DNR

STAFF PRESENT:

John Jaschke, Angie Becker Kudelka, Rachel Mueller, Jason Weinerman, Julie Westerlund, Tom Gile, Kevin Bigalke, Melissa King, Brett Arne, Jenny Gieseke

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peder Kjeseth, MDA; Karl-Christian Johannessen, Minnesota Association of Townships; LeAnn Buck, MASWCD; Emily Javens, MAWD

Chair Gerald VanAmburg called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

21-20 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** - Moved by Jill Crafton, seconded by Andrea Date, to adopt the agenda as amended. ***Motion passed on a voice vote.***

21-21 **MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2021 BOARD MEETING** – Moved by Jill Crafton, seconded by Ted Winter, to approve the minutes of June 23, 2021, as circulated. ***Motion passed on a voice vote.***

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

No members of the public provided comments to the board.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

Chair Van Amburg read the statement:

“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.”

NEW BUSINESS

Vice Chair Election – John Jaschke presented the interim Vice Chair Election process.

Interim Vice Chair needed until regular voting in January of 2022.

Kathryn Kelly nominated Joe Collins and Jill Crafton nominated Todd Holman.

Voting will be accomplished throughout the meeting and Vice Chair will be announced at the end of the meeting.

21-22 Moved by Jayne Hager Dee, seconded by Andrea Date, to cease nominations in the Vice Chair Election. ***Motion passed on a voice vote.***

REPORTS

Chair & Administrative Advisory Committee – Chair Gerald Van Amburg reported the committee met on August 24 where they reviewed the process of voting for the interim Vice Chair. They also reviewed the board order to amend and adopt the Revision of the Delegations of Routing Administrative Water Management Decision Policy. The Committee recommends approval of the board order that will be reviewed later in the agenda.

John Jaschke stated future board and committee meetings will be virtual unless a meeting is needed in person – COVID protocols prescribed by MMB will be followed.

Chair Van Amburg thanked Mower and Freeborn Counties and SWCDs, the Cedar and Shell Rock River Watershed Districts, and BWSR staff for an informative and educational tour.

Chair Van Amburg welcomed new board members Todd Holman, citizen; Ron Staples, county commissioner; and LeRoy Ose, watershed district manager.

Chair Van Amburg has been on several calls with the Environmental Quality Board. They are working on integrating climate into the Environmental Review and looking at updating their form so it can be accounted for.

Executive Director's Report - John Jaschke thanked everyone for their work on the board tour. Stated the hiring freeze was lifted and can start replacing positions that have been vacant.

Legislative session ended in June and the board gave conditional approvals for some grants. All of those passed as anticipated.

Reviewed the day of packet that included DWG Report, 1W1P supplemental document, Snapshot articles, phone list, org chart, expense form.

Audit and Oversight Committee – Joe Collins reported the committee has not met.

Grants Program & Policy Committee – Todd Holman reported they met and have items on the agenda for today.

RIM Reserve Committee – Jayne Hager Dee reported the committee has not met. Will be meeting on September 8.

Water Management & Strategic Planning Committee – Andrea Date reported they have not met. They are working with Grants Program and Policy Committee on Metro Water Based Implementation Funding.

Wetland Conservation Committee – Jill Crafton reported the committee has not met.

Buffers, Soils & Drainage Committee – Kathryn Kelly reported committee has not met.

Drainage Work Group (DWG) – Tom Gile reported they have met twice since the last meeting.

July 8, 2021.

- Provided an overview of the BWSR Clean Water Fund Multipurpose Drainage Management grant program. Some discussion from members who have been a part of these grants in the past. The group is generally supportive of this program and several members are interested in finding ways to increase available funds.
- Provided an update on the Drainage Manual in current WiKi hosted form and anticipated transition to the BWSR website for future hosting. Some updates are anticipated, but we intend to begin on those items after the conversion to the BWSR website is completed.
- We Briefly reviewed a handful of Drainage related items that were introduced at the Legislature during the past session. None of those bills were DWG recommendations previously. The DWG is not currently expecting any to be “High priority” but intends to remain aware and possibly discuss specifics of some this year.
- We spent a fairly significant amount of time working through the prioritization list for this year. Some reorganization was done per membership comments and an updated draft was sent out after the meeting and edits were completed.

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- The group reviewed the updated Prioritization list. One additional item was separated and clarified and the list is read to work from for this year. This is a living and evolving document so it is never “set in stone.”
- A presentation was given by Al Kean (BWSR Retired) and Chris Otterness (Houston Engineering) on the history and application of the Outlet Adequacy provision of the Drainage Code. This conversation included a very robust discussion with DWG members on the utilization of this process and set some foundation for potential future discussion.
 - One Term “Cumulative Affect” was used regularly in the discussion with seemingly different intention/meaning. I expect a future discussion on this term to build some uniformity in how it is being utilized.
- Rita Weaver (BWSR) gave an overview of the status of the new storage initiative and there was some discussion on anticipated outreach efforts that are in the works for the next month or so.

Virtual Vs In-Person Discussion

During both meetings there was some discussion about future DWG meetings and there was originally some optimism that we may be able to return to In-Person meetings with a potential virtual option at some point. However, with the recent evolution in the situation and policies around COVID management efforts in the workplace we are now anticipating that the remainder of the DWG meetings in 2021 will be done via a virtual format.

Jill Crafton asked what kind of storage will be used. Tom stated that will be part of the conversation around the storage initiative and will also be part of the outreach effort. Stated its likely to be hard storage.

Dispute Resolution and Compliance Report – John Jaschke reported there are presently three appeals pending. All the appeals involve the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). There have been no new appeals filed since the last Board Meeting (June 23, 2021).

Buffer Compliance Status Update: BWSR has received Notifications of Noncompliance (NONs) on 93 parcels from the 12 counties BWSR is responsible for enforcement. Currently there are no active Corrective Action Notices (CANs) and 7 Administrative Penalty Orders (APOs) issued by BWSR that are still active. Of the actions being tracked over 86 of those have been resolved.

Statewide 30 counties are fully compliant, and 51 counties have enforcement cases in progress. Of those counties (with enforcement cases in progress) there are currently 840 CANs and 52 APOs actively in place. Of the actions being tracked over 1,741 of those have been resolved.

AGENCY REPORTS

Minnesota Department of Agriculture – Whitney Place reported they have been focused on dealing with the drought and their response to drought. They have hosted by-weekly phone calls with different stakeholders to discuss drought issues.

The Ag Water Quality Certification Program has 1,104 farmers certified and 790,000 acres certified and added 2,217 new conservation practices through those certifications. Stated they finalized the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) and the first sign up is due this fall.

Department of Agriculture has partnered with multiple organizations on an irrigation RCPP project. It’s \$3.5M will help farmers and assist them in implementation irrigation best management practices. They

are partnering with 20 SWCDs and Central Lakes College is putting in a demonstration piece of equipment to showcase the best management practices.

Joe Collins asked how this drought compares to droughts we've had in the past. Whitney stated the drought of 1976 was worse than the current drought.

Minnesota Department of Health – Steve Robertson thanked BWSR staff for the tour. Reported the Delta variant is creating more problems with COVID and continues to be a concern. The Health Risk Assessment Program has released their work plan for the next year where there are 10 new compounds. They will also be doing a full review of lithium.

Steve stated the policy analysis that the Health Department has been coordinating for water reuse was derailed by COVID but are starting it back up again. MDH staff that contributed to that effort was invited to participate in a national summit on stormwater capture and reuse.

Jill asked if the PFAS are new or if they have they been on list? Steve stated there are five that already have health based guidance with one in review.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – No report was provided.

Minnesota Extension – Joel Larson reported the Water Resources Center hired Maggie Karschnia as the new Extension Educator and will be focusing primarily on urban stormwater management along with a few other topics. Her work will focus on education and training for stormwater professionals, elected and appointed officials, and other organizations and individuals that work on MS4 permits and stormwater management in general.

Joel stated the Minnesota Climate Adaptation Partnership, Extension Climate Specialist Heidi Roop, and others had conversations on the legislative process. They have a block of state funding to develop more details on fine scale climate predictions for variables like temperature and rain fall. It can then be used for adaptation plans or even smaller scale things. Stated they are in the process of hiring an Extension Educator that would work specifically with communities and individuals on climate adaptation work.

Joel stated they are working on a project called Watershed Education Program Hub. They have been talking about the requirements within some of those watershed plans for education and outreach. Stated there is quite a bit of variability on what it means and the background of resources and the ability of different units and organizations to respond. Will be working with representatives from those groups to develop a set of standard resources and tools to support education and outreach as part of the implementation of the watershed plans.

They are entering the next phase of their partnership with BWSR on the Minnesota Office for Soil Health. Over the next couple years that work will include projects that quantify the benefits of soil health practices like carbon sequestration and water storage.

Chair Van Amburg asked if they are seeing a lot of interest from cities on what to do with climate adaptation. Joel stated they are getting more interest from medium and small communities and from rural areas of the state. Larger cities have the resources to address themselves. This is part of what they're trying to do through the Climate Adaptation Partnership, these extension education and resources will help communities with this.

Joel stated registration is open for the annual Water Resources Conference being held virtually on October 19-20. Board members can contact Rachel Mueller if they are interested in attending.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Katrina Kessler reported as part of the legislative session they received almost \$2M to give out as grants to local units of government for climate resilience and adaptation planning . Hoping to advertise the grants in the next few months and will be hiring a grants coordinator.

Katrina stated they have been doing intensive water quality monitoring in the Minnesota River for the past month.

MPCA is working with the planning committee and will have a session on PFAS at the Minnesota Water Resources Conference.

Jill stated her watershed district received a grant from MPCA . They brought in their cities and did resiliency planning that was meaningful for the cities. Jill stated the Green Steps City Program is housed within the PCA, they are looking at some of the resiliency issues and thinks it would be a good workshop to participate in.

Chair Van Amburg recessed the meeting at 10:02 a.m. and called the meeting back to order at 10:20 a.m.

ADVISORY COMMENTS

Association of Minnesota Counties – No report was provided.

Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees – No report was provided.

Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts – LeAnn Buck reported the board of directors met in July and advanced some of their focus areas they started earlier this year. LeAnn stated as an organization they did a national webinar through their National Association on National Strategies. At Farm Fest there was a panel on carbon where they brought in the National Association’s past president Tim Palmer who is a farmer from Iowa.

LeAnn stated they received a resolution from Fillmore SWCD regarding climate that will come before their members. Also stated that Nature Conservancy had a national pilot in Minnesota with Stearns SWCD leading the way along with the Sauk River Watershed District and other partners.

Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts – Emily Javens thanked everyone for their work on the tour and showing great partnerships between the Watershed Districts, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and other partners.

Joe Collins stated when touring yesterday you could see the partnerships.

Minnesota Association of Townships – Eunice Biel reported at the August district meeting a book was distributed that identifies noxious weeds currently found in Minnesota. The Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) is requesting support from the Department of Ag for training on weed inspections throughout Minnesota counties. In the last legislative session \$450,000 was granted to MAT every 2 years for the noxious weed program.

Eunice stated they are encouraging townships to apply for the American Rescue Plan. \$350M will go to towns and cities with a population under 50,000. The grant money can be used for support for medical responders, support for vaccination, revenue lost due to COVID, and infrastructure development for COVID.

Whitney Place stated MDA received funding for noxious weeds and are hoping to seek additional funding to help fund townships and county ag inspectors in the coming years.

Natural Resources Conservation Service – No report was provided.

John Jaschke noted that no members of the board have declared actual, perceived, or potential conflicts for any agenda items on today's agenda and so no members will need to abstain from votes due to conflict of interest.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Grants Program and Policy Committee

Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP) Assistance Service Grants – Brent Arne presented Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP) Assistance Service Grants.

The authorization of the Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP), approved in December 2018 through order #18-71, allows the Executive Director to expend up to \$10,000 per grant or contract for specialized assistance to local government water management entities to address operational or service delivery needs identified through a PRAP assessment or specialized assistance request. Order #18-71 limits grant or contracts to \$10,000 with a maximum of \$50,000 per year. Recently, BWSR has seen an increase in multi-entity requests and believe these requests will become more common as more local governments participate in the One Watershed, One Plan program.

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21-23 Moved by Kathryn Kelly, seconded by Jill Crafton, to approve the Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP) Assistance Service Grants. ***Motion passed on a voice vote.***

Reallocating Previous Years' Clean Water Funds for One Watershed, One Plan – Kevin Bigalke presented Reallocating Previous Years' Clean Water Funds for One Watershed, One Plan.

On March 24, 2021, the Board approved resolution #21-10, authorizing staff to reallocate an estimated \$1,400,762 in funds from previous years' Clean Water Targeted Watershed Program to the Watershed-based Implementation Funding program. Due to the high level of interest in the FY2022 1W1P Planning Grants and additional analysis and consideration, the Grants Program and Policy Committee recommends adjusting the reallocation of the estimated \$1,400,762 from Watershed Based Implementation Funding program to the One Watershed, One Plan Program.

Ted Winter asked about \$1M shortfall in a grant application and how it will be made up. Kevin stated we have approximately \$900,000 remaining in FY20/21 1W1P grants and with this additional \$1.4M we'll be able to fund the current round of planning grants without utilizing FY22/23 dollars. John Jaschke stated that dollars have expiration dates so want to spend the oldest money soonest.

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21-24 Moved by Jayne Hager Dee, seconded by Todd Holman, to approve the Reallocating Previous Years' Clean Water Funds for One Watershed, One Plan. ***Motion passed on a voice vote.***

One Watershed, One Plan Planning Grants Authorization – Julie Westerlund presented One Watershed, One Plan Planning Grants Authorization.

The calendar year 2021 (FY22 grants) One Watershed, One Plan Planning Grants request for proposal (RFP) period opened on March 26, 2021 and closed on June 11, 2021. BWSR received eleven proposals. Staff reviewed the eleven proposals against the RFP selection criteria and received feedback from the Interagency Water Management and Implementation Team on June 30, 2021. BWSR's Senior Management Team reviewed staff recommendations on July 13, 2021 and recommended funding all eleven proposals. Grants Program and Policy Committee reviewed this recommendation on August 11, 2021. A draft board order is attached.

Funds are from the 2020-2021 biennium, Laws of Minnesota 2019, 1st Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 2, Section 7(i) for assistance, oversight, and grants to local governments to transition local water management plans to a watershed approach as well as previously returned clean water fund grants.

Jill Crafton stated she appreciated the memo.

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21-25 Moved by Ted Winter, seconded by Kathryn Kelly, to approve the One Watershed, One Plan Planning Grants Authorization. ***Motion passed on a voice vote.***

FY 22 Buffer Program Implementation Grants – Tom Gile presented FY 22 Buffer Program Implementation Grants

The Clean Water Council recommended, and the Legislature approved the biennial appropriation to fund SWCDs implementation of the State Riparian Protection Law. The appropriation for FY 22 is a reduction from previous years. In addition, due to the COVID 19 Pandemic \$350,000 was held back from the FY 21 Buffer Program Implementation funding as a budgetary precaution. This funding has been released and is being included in the funding distribution for FY22. As a result of these actions, the allocations have changed from previous years.

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21-26 Moved by Joe Collins, seconded by Jill Crafton, to approve the FY 22 Buffer Program Implementation Grants. ***Motion passed on a voice vote.***

FY 22 Buffer Program Supplemental Grants – Tom Gile presented FY 22 Buffer Program Supplemental Grants

In the Spring of 2021, a survey was sent to all SWCDs asking them if they “needed” additional Buffer Program Implementation funding based on their local needs. More than 60 SWCDs responded to the survey and of those who responded 17 SWCDs identified a specific need for supplemental funding that totaled \$350,000. This proposed action utilizes available Buffer Program implementation funds from the previous two biennia as well as a small portion of BWSR's Riparian Aid funds to provide all of the SWCDs with the supplemental funding they requested. This funding will go out in separate grant agreements and have a grant expiration date of June 30, 2023.

Ted Winter asked what some of the reasons are to request additional money. Tom stated the main reason is to provide additional staffing.

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21-27 Moved by Ted Winter, seconded by Joe Collins, to approve the FY 22 Buffer Program Supplemental Grants. ***Motion passed on a voice vote.***

FY 22 Buffer Cost Share Redistribution Grants – Tom Gile presented FY 22 Buffer Cost Share Redistribution Grants

BWSR has unspent and returned Buffer Cost Share funds totaling approximately \$650,000 with the potential of more funds being returned over the next several months. Staff are proposing to develop an open solicitation for SWCDs to request funds based on demonstrable need for projects that will support landowner compliance with the requirements of the Buffer Law. The proposal is for a monthly “batching” of SWCD requests that would fund those requests that have “shovel ready” projects on a first come first served basis.

We have looked at distributing available funds based on a survey-like response similar to the 2022 Supplemental Buffer Program funding, however with a short window to utilize these funds we don’t want to allocate funds without projects in hand which may result in more unspent funds being returned without adequate time to utilize them prior to their expiration.

Jayne Hager Dee asked if we would have enough money. Tom stated we would probably end up receiving some returned funds.

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21-28 Moved by Todd Holman, seconded by Jayne Hager Dee, to approve the FY 22 Buffer Cost Share Redistribution Grants. ***Motion passed on a voice vote.***

Central Region Committee

Sauk River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Approval – Jason Weirnerman presented Sauk River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Approval.

The Sauk River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan) planning area is in central Minnesota encompassing portions of Todd, Douglas, Pope, Stearns, and Meeker counties. The Plan was developed as part of the One Watershed, One Plan program.

On April 29, 2021, the Board received the Plan, a record of the public hearing, and copies of all written comments pertaining to the Plan for final State review pursuant to Board Decision #18-14. The planning partnership has responded to all comments received during the 60-day review period and incorporated appropriate revisions to the final Plan.

BWSR staff completed its review and subsequently found the Plan meets the requirements of Minnesota Statutes and BWSR Policy.

On August 4, 2021, the Central Regional Committee met to review and discuss the Plan. The Committee’s decision was to recommend approval of the Sauk River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan as submitted to the full Board per the attached draft Order.

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21-29 Moved by Jill Crafton, seconded by Joe Collins, to approve the Sauk River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Approval. ***Motion passed on a voice vote.***

Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Watershed Management Plan – Melissa King presented Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Watershed Management Plan.

Background:

The Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District (CLFLWD) was established by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) on September 23, 1999. Establishment was in response to a petition filed by residents within the watershed on November 20, 1998. Minnesota Laws 2008, chapter 366. Article 6, section 51 designated the CLFLWD a watershed management organization under Minnesota Statutes, section 103B.205, Subd. 13. The 49-square mile watershed is located in the northeast Twin Cities

Metropolitan Area, in Washington and Chisago Counties. Portions of the cities of Wyoming, Forest Lake Scandia, and Chisago City as well as Chisago Lake and Fraconia Townships are all within CLFLWD. There are many small lakes and streams within the watershed including three major recreational lake (Bone, Forest, and Comfort Lakes) and the exceptionally high-quality Keewahtin Lake. CLFLWD is part of the headwaters area of the Sunrise River and ultimately drains to the St. Croix River. The most recent watershed management plan was approved by the Board on September 28, 2011.

Plan Process and Highlights:

The Board completed a Level II Performance Review for the CLFLWD in 2015. The assessment report noted that the CLFLWD “is a proactive organization, one that is willing to set ambitious goals for itself. The Board shows a willingness to challenge itself and staff to achieve impressive results”. The report also identified two recommendations, which CLFLWD addressed in the development of this watershed management plan (Plan) – 1) implement prioritized, targeted, and measurable criteria for goals and objectives in the next watershed plan; and 2) conduct a detailed workload analysis of planned activities.

CLFLWD formally initiated the planning process for the 10-year update to the Plan on April 1, 2019 with the required “Notice of Decision to Update” and a request for State agency and local stakeholder input per Minnesota Rules, part 8410.0045, Subp. 2. and Subp. 3. The initial kick-off event was held on June 11, 2019 with significant efforts made by the CLFLWD to gather input early and throughout the update process including through a technical advisory committee, city & county partners, a standing citizen advisory committee, and other community members and groups including lake associations and sporting and agricultural groups. Efforts also included professionally facilitated public listening sessions; workshops with partners; workshops with municipal staff; and joint workshops with municipalities and the CLFLWD Board. The draft Plan was received for 60-day review on February 26, 2021 and the revised draft Plan received on June 15, 2021 for 90-day review.

The Plan provides for the protection and improvement of water resources within the CLFLWD, recognizing and building on the roles and actions of other stakeholders. The Plan is based on a core framework of adaptive management, diagnostic monitoring, and cost-benefit analysis. With limited funding, the CLFLWD understands that not all projects are good projects, even if they have willing landowners. Therefore, all the CLFLWD’s actions are guided by scientific methods and economic principles (cost-benefit analysis). Unique to the CLFLWD’s water resource management approach is their successful application of an economic/business theory, referred to as the Pareto Principal which states, “that for many outcomes, roughly 80% of consequences come from 20% of the causes”. In terms of water resource management, this means that 80% of the pollutant loads or reductions will be achieved from 20% of the sources or projects. As a result, the CLFLWD focuses most of its implementation efforts on identifying and addressing that 20% of pollutant sources, even if it means saying no to easier to implement projects if they don’t meet these criteria.

The Plan identifies six priority resource issue areas: floodplain, lakes, rivers/streams, wetlands, upland resources, and groundwater; with additional focus on specific priority resources (9 lakes, 4 streams/rivers) and 10 other priority areas (overlapping benefits) within the watershed. Lake water quality, stream water quality, and floodplain management were identified as the highest priority goals. High priority issues and goals are closely related to achieving and maintaining measurable water quality improvements in priority lakes and streams; and include activities to either address lake impairments, protect unimpaired lakes, or ensure water quality improvements are maintained. The CLFLWD’s top priority is achieving in-lake water quality goals within the first five years of the planning period (2022-2026) and all other goals prior to the end of the 10-year period (2022-2033). Other notable goals and activities include increasing water storage by 99 acre-feet, establishment of a farmer-led council to

inform and influence agricultural land management practices, restoration/enhancement of 80 acres of wetlands for wildlife and habitat benefit and cooperating with the Lower St. Croix River partners to achieve the goals of the Lower St. Croix Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

The draft Plan is an excellent example of a resource that provides focused priorities that are measurable and clearly defines the role of the CLFLWD.

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21-30 Moved by Jill Crafton, seconded by Joe Collins, to approve the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District Watershed Management Plan. ***Motion passed on a voice vote.***

Administrative Advisory Committee

Revision of the Delegation of Routine Administrative Water Management Decision Policy – Kevin Bigalke presented Revision of the Delegation of Routine Administrative Water Management Decision Policy.

The first version of the Delegation of Routine Administrative Water Management Decision Policy (Policy) was adopted on December 18, 2019. In August 2021, additional decision items to include in the Policy were identified. Staff have proposed additions to the policy and drafted a revised policy for the Board to consider.

Jill Crafton thinks this is a good resolution to the problem and supports it.

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21-31 Moved by Kathryn Kelly, seconded by Jill Crafton, to approve the Revision of the Delegation of Routine Administrative Water Management Decision Policy. ***Motion passed on a voice vote.***

NEW BUSINESS

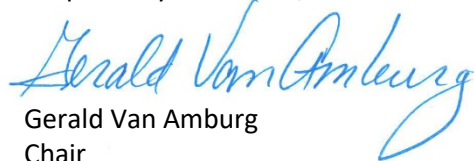
Votes were tallied up and Chair Van Amburg announced Joe Collins the new interim Vice Chair.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Northern Region Committee meeting is scheduled for September 1
- Central Region Committee meeting September 2
- RIM Committee meeting is scheduled for September 8
- Grants Program and Policy Committee Meeting September 8, 14, 21, and October 8
- BWSR Board meeting is scheduled for September 22

Chair VanAmburg adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald Van Amburg
Chair