

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

AGENDA

9:00 AM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2023 BOARD MEETING

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

- Amie Wunderlich, Chief Financial Officer
- Wendy Murphy, Senior Financial Analyst
- Jennifer Hahn, Federal Conservation Programs Coordinator
- Luke Olson, Board Conservationist

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 – Peder Kjeseth/Jeff Berg
- Minnesota Department of Health – Steve Robertson
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Katie Smith
- Minnesota Extension – Joel Larson
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Katrina Kessler/Glenn Skuta

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. FY 24 Water Quality and Storage Grant Program – Rita Weaver – ***DECISION ITEM***

NEW BUSINESS

1. Olmsted County Groundwater Protection and Soil Health Initiative – Skip Langer and Angela White – ***INFORMATION ITEM***
2. Vice Chair Election – John Jaschke – ***DECISION ITEM***

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS cont.

Northern Region Committee

1. Boundary Change for the Bois de Sioux Watershed District and Upper Minnesota River Watershed District – Ron Staples, Ryan Hughes, and Pete Waller – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Sand Hill River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – LeRoy Ose, Brett Arne, and Ryan Hughes – ***DECISION ITEM***

Buffers, Soils, and Drainage Committee

1. Drainage Legislative Report – Tom Gile – ***DECISION ITEM***

Audit and Oversight Committee

1. 2023 Performance Review and Assistance Program Legislative Report – Don Bajumpaa – ***DECISION ITEM***

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- RIM Committee is scheduled for February 23rd at 9:00 in St. Paul and by MS Teams.
- BWSR Board meeting is scheduled for March 27th at 9:00 a.m. in St. Paul and by MS Teams.

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