

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
520 LAFAYETTE ROAD NORTH
ST. PAUL, MN 55155
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023**

AGENDA

9:00 AM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2023 BOARD MEETING

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

- Udai Singh, Modeling and Outcomes Coordinator
- Zach Guttormson, 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 – Thom Petersen
- Minnesota Department of Health – Steve Robertson
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Sarah Strommen
- Minnesota Extension – Joel Larson
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – 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. Board Authorization to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for fiscal year 2024 and 2025 Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Program) – Dan Shaw – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Multi-Purpose Drainage Management Grants – Tom Gile – ***DECISION ITEM***
3. Soil Health Program Grants – Tom Gile – ***DECISION ITEM***

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2024 Proposed BWSR Board Meeting Schedule – John Jaschke – ***DECISION ITEM***

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Northern Region Committee is scheduled for November 1st at 11:00 a.m. in Brainerd and by MS Teams.
- RIM Committee is scheduled for November 13th at 11:00 p.m. in St. Paul and by MS Teams.
- BWSR Board meeting is scheduled for December 14th at 9:00 a.m. in St. Paul and by MS Teams.

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