

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
520 LAFAYETTE ROAD NORTH
ST. PAUL, MN 55155
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025**

AGENDA

9:00 AM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF DECMEBER 19, 2025 BOARD MEETING

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

- Mandy Duong, Organizational Development/DEI Coordinator
- Ann Gunness, 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 Region Committee

1. Water Quality and Storage Program FY26 Criteria – Rita Weaver – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. FY 25 Soil Health Practices Grants authorization – Tom Gile and Jared House – ***DECISION ITEM***

Central Region Committee

1. Mississippi River St. Cloud Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – ***DECISION ITEM***

Southern Region Committee

1. Approve Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota River– Ted Winter and John Shea – ***DECISION ITEM***

Audit and Oversight Committee

1. 2024 Performance Review and Assistance Program Legislative Report – Don Bajumpaa – ***DECISION ITEM***

Northern Region Committee

1. Crow Wing River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – Tom Schulz, Ryan Hughes, and Darren Mayers – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Upper Mississippi – Grand Rapids Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – Ryan Hughes and Darren Mayers – ***DECISION ITEM***
3. Upper/Lower Red Lake Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – LeRoy Ose and Ryan Hughes – ***DECISION ITEM***

Buffers, Soils, and Drainage Committee

1. Drainage Work Group Recommendation for Minnesota Public Drainage Manual Adoption and Maintenance Plan – Tom Gile – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Drainage Work Group Recommendation for Repeal of 103E.067 (103E Ditch Buffer Annual Reporting) – Tom Gile – ***DECISION ITEM***

NEW BUSINESS

1. Minnesota River Collaborative – Ted Suss and Suzane Jiwani – ***INFORMATION ITEM***

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Grants Program and Policy Committee is scheduled for February 10th in St. Paul and by MS Teams.
- BWSR Board meeting is scheduled for March 26th at 9:00 a.m. in St. Paul and by MS Teams.

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