

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES  
520 LAFAYETTE ROAD NORTH  
ST. PAUL, MN 55155  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025**

**AGENDA**

**9:00 AM CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF**

- Melissa Sjolund, NGO/Tribal Grants Specialist
- Janna Fitzgerald, eLINK Coordinator
- Julie Hendrickson, 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 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 – Jason Garms
- Minnesota Extension – Joel Larson
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Melissa Lewis

## **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**

### ***RIM Reserve Committee***

1. RIM Easement Alteration Request for Benton County Public Road Improvements - Easement #05-01-20-18 – Karli Swenson – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) for Peatland Restoration – Suzanne Rhees, David Weirens, Sharon Doucette – ***DECISION ITEM***
3. Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Extension and Expansion – Dusty Van Thuyne – ***DECISION ITEM***

### **Northern Region Committee**

1. Rainy River-Rainy Lake Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan – Rich Sve and Ryan Hughes – ***DECISION ITEM***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Minnesota 2005-2022 Legislative Report – Carl Stenoien, MPCA – ***INFORMATION ITEM***
2. Minnesota Forest Resources Council Report – Erick Schenck and Pete Aube – ***INFORMATION ITEM***

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Water Management and Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in Rogers and by MS Teams.
- BWSR Board meeting is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in St. Paul and by MS Teams.

## **ADJOURN**