

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES  
520 LAFAYETTE ROAD NORTH  
ST. PAUL, MN 55155  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026**

**AGENDA**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2025 BOARD MEETING**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF**

- Maggie Karschnia, Clean Water Coordinator
- Josh Norman, Board Conservationist
- Donna Caughey, Contracts 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
- Acting Executive Director – Justin Hanson
- 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 – Katrina Kessler

## **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**

### ***Buffers Soils and Drainage Committee***

1. Revised Buffer Program Procedures Approval – Tom Gile and Dave Weirens – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Soil Health Legislative Report – Jared House and Tom Gile – ***INFORMATION ITEM***

### ***Grants Program and Policy Committee***

1. Clean Water Legacy Partners Program FY27 program authorization – Melissa Sjolund and Ara Gallo – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. FY 2027 Clean Water Fund Projects and Practices Grants Program recommendations – Barb Peichel and Brad Wozney – ***DECISION ITEM***
3. Red River Basin Commission FY26/27 Grant Approval – Henry Van Offelen – ***DECISION ITEM***
4. Bridging Conservation Grant Program – Mandy Duong – ***DECISION ITEM***

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

1. Easement Alteration Request – RIM Easement #65-08-02-01 – Karli Swenson – ***DECISION ITEM***

### ***Audit and Oversight Committee***

1. 2025 Performance Review and Assistance Program Legislative Report – Don Bajumpaa – ***DECISION ITEM***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Vice Chair Election – Justin Hanson – ***DECISION ITEM***

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Wetland Conservation Committee is scheduled for February 17th at 1:00 p.m.
- BWSR Board meeting is scheduled for March 25th at 9:00 a.m. in St. Paul and by MS Teams.

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