

Committee Roster
Effective April 8, 2026

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AAC)

Membership

Todd Holman, chair	citizen
Mark Zabel	soil & water conservation district
Jayne Hager Dee	soil & water conservation district
Kevin Paap	county commissioner
Joe Collins	watershed district
Jill Crafton	watershed district
Leroy Ose	watershed district
John Jaschke	staff
Rachel Mueller	staff

Responsibility: *The AAC consists of the Board’s chair and vice-chair and the chairs of the Board’s standing committees. The AAC may make evaluations and recommendations to the Board on various Board issues including ethics; expenses/per diem; bylaws; and implementing legislation and budgets. The AAC will act as the personnel committee for personnel actions relating to the Board’s executive director. The chair may include additional members ad hoc to address special or unique topics or issues.*

Meetings: *The committee will meet at the call of the chair.*

AUDIT & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (A&O)

Membership:

Joe Collins, chair	watershed district
Todd Holman	citizen
Ted Winter	citizen
Kevin Paap	county commissioner
Paul Fish	soil & water conservation district
Mark Zabel	soil & water conservation district
Kevin Wilson	Greater MN city
Andrea Fish	staff

Responsibility: *The Committee consists of the Board’s chair, vice-chair, and appointed at-large members. It appraises the effectiveness of the agency’s internal controls and risk assessment and provides an avenue of communication between BWSR’s internal audit function and external auditors, management, and the Board. In addition, the A&O is also responsible for the Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP) oversight and receives reports on BWSR and Local Government Unit program evaluations and fiscal compliance matters.*

Meetings: *The Committee will meet at least once during the year or at the call of the chair or a majority of the members.*

BUFFERS, SOILS & DRAINAGE COMMITTEE (BSDC)

Membership:

LeRoy Ose, chair	watershed district
Kevin Paap	county commissioner
Neil Peterson	county commissioner
Ron Staples	county commissioner
Ted Winter	citizen
Mark Zabel	soil & water conservation district
Kevin Wilson	Greater MN city
Bill Fitzgerald	Department of Agriculture
Jason Garms	Department of Natural Resources
Heather Johnson	Pollution Control Agency
Tim Gieseke	University of Minnesota Extension
Tom Gile	staff

Responsibility: *The Committee is responsible for reviewing buffer, drainage and soil conservation statutes, rules, policies, guidelines, programs and special projects and related plans, operational partnerships, and opportunities to enhance the agency's implementation of programs; and for making the resulting recommendations to the Board.*

Meetings: *The Committee will meet as determined by the Committee chair in consultation with the Board Chair or staff.*

DISPUTE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE (DRC)

Membership

Kevin Wilson, chair	Greater MN city
Kevin Paap	county commissioner
Jayne Hager Dee	soil & water conservation district
Mark Zabel	soil & water conservation district
Todd Holman	citizen
Joe Collins	watershed district
Travis Germundson	staff

Responsibility: *The Committee is responsible for hearing appeals, including those related to the Wetland Conservation Act, watershed district rule and permit decision appeals, and, under MS103A.301, determinations of water law and policy. The authority of the DRC is established in statute and assigned to the DRC by the Board. Under current guidelines the DRC hears the appeals and makes recommendations to the Board.*

Per M.S. 103B.101, Subd.10, the committee is appointed by the board chair.

Meetings: *The Committee will meet as needed to process appeals that have been filed with the Board.*

GRANTS PROGRAM AND POLICY COMMITTEE (GP&PC)

Membership

Mark Zabel, chair	soil & water conservation district
Paul Fish	soil & water conservation district
Todd Holman	citizen
Ted Winter	citizen
Mike Runk	Metro cities
Neil Peterson	county commissioner
Kevin Paap	county commissioner
Jill Crafton	watershed district
LeRoy Ose	watershed district
Kevin Wilson	Greater MN city
Melissa Lewis	Pollution Control Agency
Brad Jordahl Redlin	Department of Agriculture
Marcey Westrick	staff

Responsibility: *The Committee is responsible for reviewing grant allocations, policies, and related procedures and making recommendations to the Board.*

Meetings: *The Committee will meet as determined by the Committee chair in consultation with the Board Chair or staff.*

RIM RESERVE COMMITTEE (RRC)

Membership

Jayne Hager Dee, chair	soil & water conservation district
Paul Fish	soil & water conservation district
Ted Winter	citizen
Lori Cox	citizen
LeRoy Ose	watershed district
Ron Staples	county commissioner
Mark Wettlaufer	Department of Health
Jason Garms	Department of Natural Resources
Sharon Doucette	staff

Responsibility: *The Committee is responsible for reviewing RIM Reserve Program statutes, rules, policies, guidelines, rates and for considering strategic plans, operational partnerships, and opportunities to enhance the agency's conservation easements programs; and for making the resulting recommendations to the Board.*

Meetings: *The Committee will meet as determined by the Committee chair in consultation with the Board Chair or staff.*

WATER MANAGEMENT & STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (WMSPC)

Membership

Joe Collins, chair	watershed district
Jayne Hager Dee	soil & water conservation district
Paul Fish	soil & water conservation district
Mark Zabel	soil & water conservation district
Eunice Biel	townships
Mike Runk	Metro cities
Steve Robertson	Department of Health
Joel Larson	University of Minnesota Extension
Ann Marcelle Lewandowski	University of Minnesota Extension
Melissa Lewis	Pollution Control Agency
Jason Garms	Department of Natural Resources
Bill Fitzgerald	Department of Agriculture
Marcey Westrick	staff
Jenny Gieseke	staff

Responsibility: *The Committee is responsible for the development of strategic plans for the Board including identification of key outcomes, partnerships and opportunities. The WMSPC is also responsible for the development of program and policy to guide and direct implementation of local water and watershed management plans, including the One Watershed - One Plan program.*

Meetings: *The Committee will meet as determined by the Committee chair in consultation with the Board Chair or staff.*

WETLAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (WCC)

Membership

Jill Crafton, chair	watershed district
Ted Winter	citizen
Neil Peterson	county commissioner
Ron Staples	county commissioner
Lori Cox	citizen
Eunice Biel	townships
Jason Garms	Department of Natural Resources
Clarissa Levi	Department of Agriculture
Les Lemm	staff

Responsibility: *The Committee is responsible for reviewing Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) and wetland banking rules, policies, guidelines and plans.*

Meetings: *The Committee will meet as determined by the Committee chair in consultation with the Board Chair or staff.*

DRAINAGE WORK GROUP (DWG) LIAISON

Membership

Neil Peterson	county commissioner
Ron Staples	county commissioner
Tom Gile	staff

Responsibility: *The Drainage Work Group is responsible for developing recommendations for drainage system management and related water management, including recommendations for updating Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103E Drainage and related provisions.*

Meetings: *The work group will meet as determined by the staff.*

REGIONAL COMMITTEES:

Membership

Northern

Ron Staples, chair – CC
Neil Peterson – CC
Todd Holman – CIT
LeRoy Ose – WD
Paul Fish – SWCD
Vacancy – MDA
Ben Bergey – DNR
Chad Anderson – PCA
Gabi Bolwerk - UME
Ryan Hughes – staff

Southern

Ted Winter, chair – CIT
Eunice Biel – TWP
Kevin Wilson – NMC
Kevin Paap – CC
Ellen Friedrich – MDA
Scott Hanson – MDH
Brian Schultz – DNR
Heather Johnson – PCA
Ed Lenz – staff

Central

Joe Collins, chair – WD
Jill Crafton – WD
Jayne Hager Dee – SWCD
Mark Zabel – SWCD
Mike Runk – MC
Lori Cox - CIT
Heather Johnson – PCA
Annie Felix – MDH
Grant Wilson – DNR
Marcey Westrick – staff

Responsibility: *Each Committee has the responsibility to review county water plans, water management organization plans, watershed district plans, comprehensive wetland plans, comprehensive watershed management plans and alternatives or amendments to same and to advise the Board on the adequacy of the plans. The Committee may also hold hearings and make recommendations to the Board on establishment, dissolution, boundary changes and other specific local government plans and governance matters.*

Meetings: *The Committee will meet as necessary to review plans and amendments and hold hearings as ordered or as delegated by the Board. Staff will coordinate meeting locations and schedules with members.*

CC = county commissioner

CIT = citizen

SWCD = soil and water conservation district

WD = watershed district

UME = University of Minnesota Extension

WMO = watershed management organization
(metro)

MC = metro cities

NMC = non-metro cities

TWP = townships

NOTE: *Committee membership and proceedings are guided by the [Board Bylaws](#).*