

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
520 LAFAYETTE ROAD N.
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55155
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015**

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

9:00 AM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2015 BOARD MEETING

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

- FY16 Natural Resources Block Grant
- FY16 SWCD Programs and Operations Grant Allocations
- FY16 Farm Bill Assistance Program Grants

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE

- Ed Lenz, Board Conservationist in Marshall

REPORTS

- Chair & Administrative Advisory Committee – Brian Napstad
- Audit & Oversight Committee – Brian Napstad
- Executive Director – John Jaschke
- Dispute Resolution Committee – Gerald Van Amburg
- Grants Program & Policy Committee – Steve Sunderland
- RIM Reserve & Soil Conservation Committee – Gene Tiedemann
- Water Management & Strategic Planning Committee – Jack Ditmore
- Wetlands & Drainage Committee – Gerald Van Amburg
- Drainage Work Group – Tom Loveall/Al Kean

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Administrative Advisory Committee

1. Buffalo Creek Watershed District Watershed Management Plan Amendment Hearing – Travis Germundson - ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Authorization of Delegation for PRAP Assistance Grants to LGUs – John Jaschke – ***DECISION ITEM***
3. Method for Establishing Native Prairie Bank Easement Payment Rates – Bill Penning – ***DECISION ITEM***

Metro Region Committee

1. Rice Creek Watershed District Boundary Change Petition – Jim Haertel – **DECISION ITEM**
2. Lower Mississippi River Watershed District Organization Plan Amendment – Mary Peterson – **DECISION ITEM**
3. Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Plan Amendment – Steve Christopher – **DECISION ITEM**

Northern Region Committee

1. St. Louis County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Five Year Amendment – Tom Schulz – **DECISION ITEM**

Grants Program & Policy Committee

1. Proposed FY16 Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG) – Wayne Zellmer – **DECISION ITEM**
2. Proposed FY '16 SWCD Programs and Operations Grant Allocations – Wayne Zellmer – **DECISION ITEM**
3. FY16 CWF Competitive Policy and Program Authorization - Dave Weirens – **DECISION ITEM**
4. FY16 Farm Bill Assistance Program Grants – Dave Weirens – **DECISION ITEM**
5. Grants Noncompliance Policy – Tim Dykstal and Dave Weirens – **DECISION ITEM**

AGENCY REPORTS

- Minnesota Department of Agriculture – Matt Wohlman
- Minnesota Department of Health – Chris Elvrum
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Tom Landwehr
- Minnesota Extension Service – Faye Sleeper
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Rebecca Flood

ADVISORY COMMENTS

- Association of Minnesota Counties – Jennifer Berquam
- Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees – Tiffany Determan
- Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts – LeAnn Buck
- Minnesota Association of Townships – Sandy Hooker
- Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts – Ray Bohn
- Natural Resources Conservation Service – Cathee Pullman

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 2015 Conservation in Action Tour, August 11-12, Southeast, MN
- BWSR Board Tour & Meeting, August 26-27, 2015, Red Wing

Noon **ADJOURN**