

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES  
520 LAFAYETTE ROAD N.  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55155  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jill Crafton, Joe Collins, Jack Ditmore, Chris Elvrum, MDH; Douglas Erickson, Rebecca Flood, MPCA; Christy Jo Fogarty, Sandy Hooker, Kathryn Kelly, Tom Loveall, Brian Napstad, Judy Ohly, Neil Peterson, Dave Schad, DNR; Tom Schulz, Faye Sleeper, MES; Steve Sunderland, Gene Tiedemann, Gerald VanAmburg, Matt Wohlman

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mary Jo Anderson, Angie Becker Kudelka, Steve Christopher, Travis Germundson, Jim Haertel, John Jaschke, Melissa Lewis, Sarah Strommen, Doug Thomas, Dave Weirens

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Rob Sip, MDA

**Chair Napstad called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.**

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**\*\*** **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Moved by Christy Jo Fogarty, seconded by Matt Wohlman, to  
**14-18** adopt the agenda as presented. *Motion passed on a voice vote.*

**\*\*** **MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2014 BOARD MEETING** – Moved by Sandy Hooker, seconded by Faye  
**14-19** Sleeper, to approve the minutes of March 26, 2014 as circulated. *Motion passed on a voice vote.*

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

- Jill Crafton, Watershed District
- Douglas Erickson, Non-Metro City Official
- Kathryn Kelly, SWCD
- Neil Peterson, County Commissioner

Chair Napstad welcomed new board members and thanked them for their service.

## **REPORTS**

**Chair's Report & Administrative Advisory Committee** – Brian Napstad reported that the executive director's performance review will be conducted next month. If board members have not completed the evaluation, please do so. If board members have questions regarding the assessment contact Angie Becker Kudelka.

Chair Napstad reported that BWSR Committee assignments have been finalized; a committee membership spreadsheet was distributed. Chair Napstad reported that the EQB meeting was cancelled this month. Chair Napstad attended the Mississippi Headwaters Board (MHB) meeting. The MHB is seeking to expand its focus; DNR Commissioner Landwehr attended the meeting and supports the expansion.

**Audit & Oversight Committee** – Brian Napstad reported that the Office of Legislative Auditor (OLA) has begun auditing the BWSR Clean Water Funds.

**Executive Director's Report** – John Jaschke reported that the scope of some BWSR committees have been expanded and now encompass additional issues and membership due to the expanded roles. The Wetlands Committee added drainage issues, and is now the Wetlands & Drainage Committee; the RIM Reserve Committee added soil conservation issues and is now the RIM Reserve & Soil Conservation Committee; the Public Relations, Oversight & Strategic Planning Committee is now the Water Management and Strategic Planning Committee; and there is now the Audit & Oversight Committee. John asked that board members contact him or the Chair with any concerns or questions.

John reported that he conducted orientation sessions with new board members. John provided a brief legislative update and reviewed information in board members' packets.

**Dispute Resolution Committee** – Travis Germundson reported that there are presently 12 appeals pending; one new appeal filed since the March 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**Grants Program & Policy Committee** – Steve Sunderland reported that the Grants Program & Policy Committee met yesterday; discussion included the Committee's role; BWSR's nine competitive grants; 20 non-competitive grants; the targeted demonstration program grants; and the Clean Water Fund competitive grants policy. The next meeting of the Grants Policy & Program Committee is May 27 at 2:00 PM.

**Water Management & Strategic Planning Committee** – Jack Ditmore reported that the Water Management & Strategic Planning Committee met last night; a recommendation is on the agenda later today. The next meeting of Water Management & Strategic Planning Committee is May 27 at 5:30 PM.

**Drainage Work Group** – Tom Loveall reported that the Drainage Work Group met and discussed the drainage language authorities; the work group looks to BWSR as a resource. John stated that the Public Drainage Manual is being updated.

John introduced BWSR staff in attendance: Sarah Strommen, Deputy Director; Angie Becker Kudelka, Organizational Effectiveness Director; Doug Thomas, Acting Assistant Director of Field Operations; Melissa Lewis, Water Plan & Policy Coordinator; Jim Haertel, Metro Region Supervisor; and Steve Christopher, Metro Region Board Conservationist.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### ***Metro Region Committee***

**Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District Plan Amendment** – Steve Christopher reported that the final draft Amendment to the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District Watershed Management Plan was filed with the Board on February 26, 2014. The Amendment proposes to revise the District's current implementation program by adding four capital improvement projects. The total estimated cost of the projects is \$1,275,000. The Metro Region Committee met and recommends approval of the Plan Amendment.

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14-20 Moved by Joe Collins, seconded by Jack Ditmore, to approve the Ripley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District Plan Amendment. Rebecca Flood stated that the Metro Region Committee discussed the challenges of proper use and treatment of storm water discharge. John stated that at this time, the level of detail is in the metro plans not statewide. Discussion followed. Jill Crafton abstained from voting on this item. *Motion passed on a voice vote.*

### ***Northern Region Committee***

**Cass SWCD Petition to Revise Nomination Districts** – Tom Schulz reported that the Cass SWCD submitted a letter and petition to BWSR signed March 6, 2014 to revise the nomination districts for supervisors. The primary purpose for this request is to provide a better opportunity for the SWCD to solicit supervisor candidates. The SWCD Operational Handbook lays out the procedure for an SWCD to follow when revising SWCD nomination districts; Cass SWCD has followed this procedure and has submitted the required materials to BWSR to be approved in time for the filing period. Moved by Tom Schulz, seconded by Gene Tiedemann, to approve the Cass SWCD petition to revise nomination districts. Discussion followed. Jack Ditmore stated inconsistent dates are given: the Cass SWCD correspondence states the meeting date is March 4, 2014; and the Nomination Districts Resolution states the meeting date of March 6, 2014. *Motion passed on a voice vote.*

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**Cass County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension** – Tom Schulz reported that Cass County submitted a resolution requesting a two-year extension of their county water plan on March 18, 2014. The Cass County Local Water Management Plan would expire on May 27, 2014. The Northern Region Committee met on April 9, 2014; and recommends approval of the Cass County extension request. Moved by Tom Schulz, seconded by Kathryn Kelly, to approve the two-year extension of the Cass County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until May 27, 2016. Discussion followed. Jack Ditmore asked about the date of the extension; the Cass County Resolution requests the extension date to January 24, 2016; the BWSR Resolution states May 27, 2016. The extension date will be May 27, 2016. *Motion passed on a voice vote.*

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**Bois de Sioux Watershed District Overall Plan Amendment Hearing** – Gerald Van Amburg reported that the Northern Region Committee held a hearing to receive testimony on the Bois de Sioux proposed overall plan amendment. The hearing was held on April 9, 2014 in Wheaton; 106 people attended the hearing including watershed district representatives; five people signed up to testify. The record will remain open through April 23, 2014. The Northern Region Committee will likely take action on this plan amendment at the June 11, 2014 Committee meeting, and bring this matter to the full Board after that.

#### **Water Management & Strategic Planning Committee**

**One Watershed, One Plan – Final Suggested Boundary Map** – Melissa Lewis reported that on January 2, 2014 a notice was sent to local governments initiating the 60-day review and comment period which closed on February 28, 2014. After discussing the comments and revised map, the Committee agreed with the requested changes and voted to recommend adoption of the One Watershed, One Plan Final Suggested Boundary Map, dated March 25, 2014. Moved by Jack Ditmore, seconded by Matt Wohlman, to adopt the One Watershed, One Plan Final Suggested Boundary Map, dated March 25, 2014. *Motion passed on a voice vote.*

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Melissa reported that the Water Management & Strategic Planning Committee met last night to discuss operating procedures and policies that are expected to be brought to the Board for action at its June 2014 meeting. They include: 1) plan extension policy; 2) participation requirements; 3) formal agreement requirement; 4) plan initiation process; and 5) boundary procedures. Melisa also reported that the Committee will outline the pilot watershed review, selection and recommendation process that will be used to bring a recommendation for selection to the Board in June.

Chair Napstad reported that he attended the Water Management & Strategic Planning Committee meetings and commended the work of the Committee and staff in getting this program implemented.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**FY2014 Clean Water Fund Outcomes** – Dave Weirens presented a comprehensive overview of the implementation activities conducted via the BWSR Clean Water Fund grant. The objective is to help meet statewide water quality goals through the prevention and reduction of non-point source pollution. Joe Collins questioned leveraging funds. Discussion followed. Dave will provide more detailed information to board members at the next meeting. Chair Napstad thanked Dave for his presentation.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Next BWSR Board Meeting – May 28, 2014, in St. Paul
- MAWD Summer Tour, June 18-20, 2014. Board members interested in attending, contact Mary Jo Anderson.

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14-24 Moved by Sandy Hooker, seconded by Gerald Van Amburg, to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM. *Motion passed on a voice vote.*

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Napstad  
Chair

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BWSR Board Workshop – The Draft Non-Point Priority Funding Plan (11:00 AM to 2:00 PM).