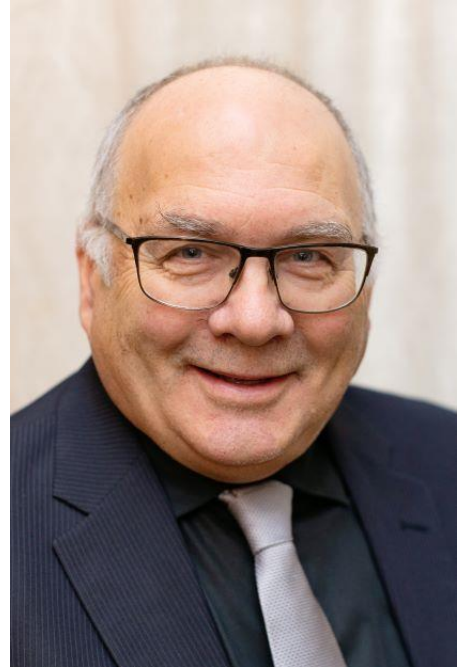




## Meet your Board Member – Peter Fjestad

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**How long have you been involved in the watershed world and how long have you served on your local watershed board?** I first became involved in the watershed world 11 years ago. I wasn't aware of watersheds until I was approached by a county commissioner to serve on the Buffalo Red River Watershed District's Board of Managers.

**What inspires you to continue doing the work you do?** As a farmer, I have always cared about soil and water interaction. One of the 10,000 Minnesota lakes carries the Fjestad name, so that has also played a role in my interest in clean water.

**What was your impetus for joining the Minnesota Watersheds Board of Directors?** During a regional caucus meeting, one of the representatives from northwest Minnesota announced he would no longer serve on the Board of Directors. In persuading me to throw my hat in the ring he said that it's not a hard job and Ray [Bohn] runs things. Obviously, that has changed over the years. While there have been challenges, serving our members has been fun and I enjoy it.

**Tell us a fun fact about yourself.** I have played the tuba for 55 years. During that time, I have played in 15 organized bands and still play in five of them.