



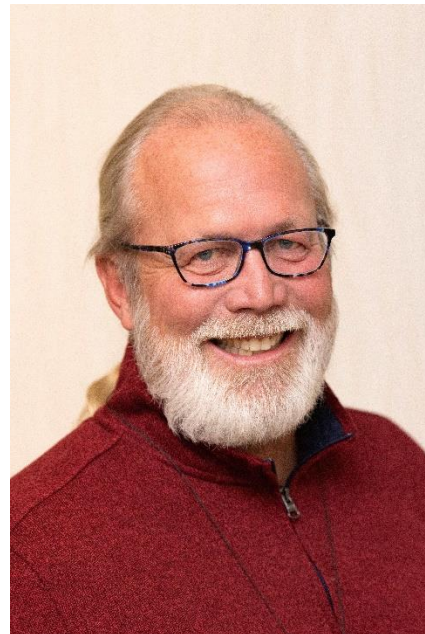
## Meet your Board Member – Shaun Kennedy

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How long have you been involved in the watershed world? At the University of Minnesota, I have been the lead professor of the Grand Challenges Course – Ecosystem Health – Leadership at the Intersection of Humans, Animals, and the Environment for 10 year. I have worked on food and agriculture systems, including their impact on the environment in general and watershed in particular for 25 years.

How long have you served on your local watershed board? We moved to Medicine Lake three years ago. I have been on the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission since then.

What inspires you to continue doing the work you do? Our natural environment, watersheds, and related resources are under stress. They are incredibly important to protect. If we don't protect them, the impacts will be dire. I lived in Ashtabula, Ohio when the Cuyahoga River caught fire and that event has inspired my interest in our natural resources ever since.

What was your impetus for joining the Minnesota Watersheds Board of Directors? I am a research scientist who has spent his career understanding how systems fail so that those failures can be averted. I hope to bring those insights to the board and am grateful to have been added to this impressive group of people who care.

Tell us a fun fact about yourself. I love winter sports and spent 15 years as a U.S. Speedskating official as a starter. It enabled me to watch my kids skate and also help the U.S. to grow its speedskating talent. When the U.S. men won the bronze medal in team pursuit at the last Winter Olympics, I was so happy and proud.