

Minnesota Watersheds Events-Education Committees Meeting

August 30, 2023

Via Zoom

Committee members present: Region 1 Managers Linda Vavra, Bois de Sioux WD; Region 1 Administrator Mori Maher, Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers WD; Region 2 Manager Brad Kramer, Shell Rock River WD; Region 3 Manager Rick Sanders; Region 3 Administrator Tina Carstens; and Maddy Bohn and Jan Voit, Minnesota Watersheds

Committee members absent: Region 1 Manager Gene Tiedemann, Red Lake WD and Region 2 Administrator Jon Roeschlein, Sauk River WD

TASK 1. REVIEW THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Tentative Schedule

Holding regional caucuses on Tuesday evening may be problematic. Work schedules may not allow board members to attend. Not everyone is willing and/or able to attend the Wednesday workshops. It was determined that moving the regional caucuses to Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. - before the educational sessions begin. The first sessions of the day could be staff focused, rather than board focused should the meetings run longer than an hour.

Registration Fees

Maddy Bohn walked the committee through the registration page on the website. It was suggested to have a specific link for sponsors and exhibitors, Minnesota Watersheds members, and non-members. Registration fees will remain the same as they were in 2022.

Abstracts

Minnesota Watersheds received 35 abstracts. The committee reviewed the abstracts and categorized them as yes, no, and maybe. Maddy and Jan will review the selections, put them into a schedule, and share the information with the committee. Discussion was also held regarding abstracts that could be recommended for the staff development, drainage, and watershed management workshops.

Keynote Speaker

Kris Langworthy gave a presentation to the committee on the topic she would cover as a keynote speaker. Discussion was held regarding pros and cons. No decision was made.

The meeting concluded at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting notes by Jan Voit