

Minnesota Watersheds

Legislative and Resolutions Committee Meeting

December 8, 2023

Via Zoom



Meeting participants: Region 1 Manager Linda Vavra, MW Board (Bois de Sioux WD); Region 1 Manager Gene Tiedemann, MW Board (Red Lake WD); Region 1 Manager Don Andringa (Sand Hill River WD); Region 1 Administrator Jamie Beyer (Bois de Sioux WD); Region 2 Manager Jeff Gertgen, MW Board (Middle Fork Crow River WD); Region 2 Administrator Dan Livdahl (Okabena-Ocheda WD); Region 3 Manager Shawn Mazanec; Capitol Region WD; Region 3 Administrator Phil Belfiori (Vadnais Lake Area Watershed Management Organization); Amos Briggs, Jess Lindeen, and Kevin Matzek (Lockridge Grindal Nauen); Ray Bohn and Jan Voit, Minnesota Watersheds

Absent: Region 1 Administrator Dan Money (Two Rivers WD), Region 3 Administrator Nick Tomczik (Rice Creek WD), Region 2 Manager Brad Kramer (Shell Rock River WD), Region 2 Administrator Michelle Overholser (Yellow Medicine River WD),

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were done.

TASK ONE. REVIEW ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Legislative and Resolutions Committees reviewed the Annual Business Meeting. There was agreement that the meeting went well. It would be beneficial to have bigger font on the PowerPoint for those in the back of the room.

TASK TWO. LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The Legislative Platform was adopted by the membership on December 1. While the Strategic Plan mentions consideration of this document by the Resolutions Committee, it was agreed that it should be reviewed annually by both committees in a joint meeting. The Legislative Platform is a living document that will be updated each year and acted upon by the membership. Discussion was held regarding MS4. Municipal separate storm sewer system will be added to the document to explain what MS4 stands for.

TASK THREE. REVIEW ACTIVE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMEND PRELIMINARY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2024

The results of the 2023 Resolutions Hearing were reviewed and prioritized. The 2023 legislative priorities were discussed. The priorities table will be updated and distributed to the Legislative Committee. If the Legislative Committee deems it necessary, another meeting will be held. Once the priorities are approved by the Legislative Committee, they will be sent to the Minnesota Watersheds Board of Directors for consideration at their January 2024 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Notes submitted by Jan Voit