

Minnesota Watersheds Events-Education Committee Meeting

February 13, 2024

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 Administrator Dan Coughlin, Middle Fork Crow River WD; Region 3 Manager Rick Sanders, Capitol Region WD; Region 3 Administrator Tina Carstens, Ramsey Washington Metro WD; and Maddy Bohn and Jan Voit, Minnesota Watersheds

Committee members absent: Region 1 Manager Gene Tiedemann, Red Lake WD and Region 2 Manager Brad Kramer, Shell Rock River WD

TASK 1. REVIEW REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFPs) FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE VENUE

Tina Carstens opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Maddy Bohn provided an overview of the request for proposals. The RFPs were sent to eight venues. Of those that responded, two were suitable for our conference needs.

Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of staying at the Arrowwood or moving to a new venue. Maddy will schedule a tour of the Grand View Lodge as soon as possible. A survey will be developed and sent to last year's attendees and vendors to gauge interest in the possibility of changing locations and additional travel. Once the survey results are compiled and the tour is complete, a committee meeting will be scheduled.

TASK 2. LEGISLATIVE EVENT UPDATE

The Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol will be held on March 6 and 7. The invitations to legislators have been drafted. They will be distributed two weeks before the event. The agenda and an email invitation for legislators was sent to administrators.

There are currently 24 people registered. Attendance varies from 70 to 90. Most people wait until the last minute to register. A reminder will be sent next week.

The meeting concluded at 1:45 p.m.

Meeting notes by Jan Voit