

# Minnesota Watersheds

## Events-Education Committee Meeting

March 4, 2024  
Via Zoom



Committee members present: Region 1 Managers Linda Vavra, Bois de Sioux WD; Region 2 Manager Brad Kramer, Shell Rock River 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; Region 1 Administrator Mori Maher, Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers WD; Region 2 Administrator Dan Coughlin, Middle Fork Crow River WD; and Region 3 Manager Rick Sanders, Capitol Region WD

### TASK 1. REVIEW SURVEY RESULTS

The responses to the survey were overwhelming. There were 190 responses, which is the most we had for any of the surveys we've done.

The committee discussed the survey results, which were neutral. Members would be happy to move to a new location or remain at the Arrowwood.

Maddy Bohn toured Grand View Lodge. During the visit, she received feedback on the concerns that were raised from the attendees at the 2023 annual conference.

- Back roads should not be an issue. This location is easier to access from the main highways than the Arrowwood.
- The location for the trade show and for the luncheon/banquet are only 70 feet apart. Walking between buildings should be fairly easy.
- There are four shuttles on site.
- There is a main hotel that has 70 rooms, which would be prioritized for managers. The remainder of attendees would stay in cabins. The cost for lodging would be \$139/night/person.
  - The cabin layout is different than those at Arrowwood. Each room has its own bathroom, but the rooms have one or two beds.

There are many positives for changing the location.

- We have nearly outgrown the Arrowwood. Grand View has more accommodations. Last year, there were over 30 rooms off site. At Grand View, everyone could stay at the same location.
- The venue is updated and clean, but not fancy.
- Registration for accommodations would be easier. The hotel places people in the rooms through an online registration.
- The location is still centrally located.
- The price point would remain consistent with what members are used to paying.
- The new venue would build on the positive changes the organization has seen in the past two years.

Tina Carstens moved to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Grand View Lodge be chosen for the 2024 annual conference. Brad Kramer seconded the motion and it carried.

The meeting concluded at 11:38 a.m.

Meeting notes by Jan Voit

