

# **SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINNESOTA WATER POLICY**

**Remote Meeting**

**JUNE 7, 2021**

**10 AM**

**Co-Chairs:**

**Sen. Chris Eaton (presiding)**

**Rep. John Poston**

**Jim Stark, Director**

**Subcommittee Support: Sandy Most**

# AGENDA

**Subcommittee on Water Policy, June 7,2021**

**Co-chairs: Senator Chris Eaton (presiding), Representative John Poston**

- **Call to order/approval of subcommittee minutes from April 13**
- **Presentation: Keith Olander Executive Director, Agcentric, Central Lakes College, Trends in irrigation, new technology, Jake Wildman– President of the Irrigator’s Association of MN**
- **Presentation: Jeff Forester, Executive Director, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers– Lake Stewards Program; Status, Trends and Concerns about Minnesota Lakes**
- **Discussion: Legislative Agenda—Plans for the next Session; Jim Stark**
- **Discussion: Status of other significant water legislation, Jim Stark**
- **Testifiers, if any**
- **Adjourn**

# **PRESENTATION- IRRIGATION**

- **Keith Olander Executive Director, Agcentric, Central Lakes College, Trends in irrigation, new technology,**
- **Jake Wildman– President of the Irrigator’s Association of MN**

# **PRESENTATION- LAKE STEWARDS PROGRAM**

- **Jeff Forester, Executive Director, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers**
- **Lake Stewards Program**
- **Status, Trends and Issues with Minnesota Lakes**

# 2021 SESSION RECAP

**This session we introduced 8 bills:**

- **Based on revisions of previous bills and additional issues**
- **Grouped by themes--from the 33 bill ideas**
- **Focused on Water Quantity, Water Quality, Safe Drinking Water, Wastewater, Water Retention, Water Governance and a Buffer Tax Credit**
- **Some parts of these bills may move forward**
- **Generally, bills involved complicated policy that did to fit well with the priorities of the session**

# 2022 SESSION

- **Re-evaluate/revise bills from 2021**
- **Consider about 50 relevant water issues that have come forward**
- **Reduce list to those with greatest support-- survey**
- **Hold 3-4 stakeholder meetings--feedback on issues with the greatest support**
- **Reach consensus on a subset of bills**
- **Draft bills early fall**

# **2022 SESSION: BILL CATEGORIES**

- **WATER GOVERNANCE**
- **POLICY**
- **SAFE DRINKING WATER**
- **FUNDING**
- **EDUCATION**
- **TAXES**
- **WASTEWATER**
- **WATER QUALITY**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Announcements?**
- **Short Subcommittee in July?**
- **Clean Water field trip- Sept. 20 to SW Minnesota**



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**THANKS**

Adjourn