



Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

Tuesday, October 3, 2023
9:00 AM
120 State Capitol and Hybrid

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Rep. Hemmingsen-Jaeger, Co-Chair
Sen. Weber, Co-Chair
Rep. Fischer
Rep. Jacob
Rep. Schultz
Sen. Hawj
Sen. Kupec
Sen. Wesenberg

Members Excused

Sen. Lang
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Skraba

Rep. Hemmingsen-Jaeger called the meeting of the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy to order at 9:04 AM. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Rep. Jacob moved approval of the September 13, 2023 meeting minutes as corrected. The Motion Prevailed.

Petition filed with the Environmental Protection Agency

Leigh Curie, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy; Carly Griffith, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy; and Jeff Broberg, Minnesota Well Owners Organization, presented on a petition filed by environmental groups with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requesting emergency authority to address threats to drinking water in Southeast Minnesota.

Warren Formo, Executive Director, Minnesota Agricultural and Water Resources Center, provided a response to the petition from agricultural interest groups.

Lori Cox, Roots Return Heritage Farm, provided public testimony.

Dana Vanderbosch, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Margaret Wagner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, addressed Subcommittee member questions.

Metro Water Supply Outlook, Concerns and Plans

Due to time constraints, it was determined that the Metropolitan Council Metro Area Water Supply Planning presentation will be heard at the next Subcommittee meeting in November.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.