



Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

9:00 AM

120 State Capitol and Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Rep. Hemmingsen-Jaeger, Co-Chair

Sen. Weber, Co-Chair

Sen. Kupec

Sen. Wesenberg

Rep. Fischer

Rep. Jacob

Rep. Skraba

Rep. Rehm

Members Excused:

Sen. Hawj

Sen. Putnam

Sen. Lang

Rep. Schultz

Call to Order

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger called the meeting of the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy to order at 9:00 AM. A quorum was not present at the start of the meeting.

Presentations

Melissa Mueller, project manager, and Melissa Kenney, co-Principal Investigator with the University of Minnesota provided a presentation on the fifty-year clean water plan.

Judy Sventek, manager of the water resources section, and Sam Paske, assistant general manager for planning and environmental services, Metropolitan Council, provided a briefing of the Metropolitan Council's water sustainability planning.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

There was a quorum present at 9:08 AM. Rep. Skraba moved approval of the November 15, 2023, meeting minutes, and Senator Kupec seconded the approval of minutes. The motion prevailed.

Updates and Discussion

Bruce Montgomery, AFREC research coordinator/retired MDA employee, and Margaret Wagner, section manager with Department of Agriculture, provided a presentation regarding reauthorization of the Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education Council.

Jim Stark, director of subcommittee, gave an introduction update on nitrates in groundwater in southeast Minnesota.

Daniel Huff, assistant commissioner for health protection and Tannie Eshenaur, manager of Water Policy Center with the Minnesota Department of Health, and Margeret Wagner, section manager with Department of Agriculture, provided background information and updates on nitrates in groundwater.

Jim Stark, director of subcommittee, provided information on bills for consideration by the subcommittee.

Mike Hirst gave a summary on the Keep it Clean Initiative during the ice fishing season.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM.