



Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

Tuesday, February 6, 2024
1:00 PM
123 State Capitol and Hybrid

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Rep. Hemmingsen-Jaeger, Co-Chair
Sen. Weber, Co-Chair
Rep. Jacob
Rep. Schultz
Sen. Lang
Rep. Skraba
Rep. Rehm

Members Excused

Rep. Fischer
Sen. Hawj
Sen. Kupec
Sen. Wesenberg
Sen. Putnam

Senator Weber called the meeting of the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy to order at 1:04 PM, A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Rep. Skraba moved approval of the December 5, 2023 meeting minutes. Senator Weber provided the second. The motion prevailed.

Testifiers followed including:

- Legislative agenda; Subcommittee on Water- Jim Stark: Members discussed the proposed bills. A consensus was reached that the bills needed additional review and conversation. Early session subcommittee meetings were requested.
- Update on SE MN drinking water safety- Jim Stark presented an overview of the agencies' response to the EPA. Members of MDA, MDH and MPCA were on hand to address questions from the members.
- Presentation: Keep our Lakes Clean Initiative- Mike Hirst, Lake of the Woods, SWCD
- Presentation: Neonicotinoids in Minnesota's Waters—Lucas Rhoads, Natural Resources Defense Council. Representative Jacob requested additional information from Mr. Rhoads

- Mr. Broberg provided short testimony on the nitrate issue in SE Minnesota
- The members agreed to participate in short meetings during session The target dates are Monday mornings at 10 am

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM.