



## Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

### Hubbard Co SWCD and Legislative Subcommittee on Water Policy Water

**Tour: Tentative Agenda** - last updated on August 15th

#### August 19, 2024

- 9:30 am: Arrive Prairie Farms, Rice Minnesota. Host: Anna Bregier (Little Rock Creek Project). Invited elected officials, Little Rock Creek Project members.
- 11:30 am depart by bus for Park Rapids.\*
- Bus speakers:
  - Jason Moeckel: Little Rock Creek and Straight River Commissioner's orders and groundwater management.
  - Jeff Broberg (Minnesota Well owners Association) The importance of private well testing.
- 12:30 Staples, Pick up box lunches, restrooms available.
- Bus speakers:
  - Keith Olander: Executive Director of AgCentric and Agricultural Partnerships; the importance of irrigation.\*
  - Kechchour Ayoub UM: irrigation research.
  - Luke Stuewe, MDA.
  - Jim Stark or others—minor updates on geology.
- 2:00 pm: RD Offutt Farms, Park Rapids. Remarks by elected officials, Offutt Staff,
- 4:30 pm. Depart for bus tour of watershed. Joint discussion on the hydrology and geology of the Straight River: Jim Stark, Don Rosenberry (USGS-retired); Joe Magner (UM) (LCCMR study)\*; Groundwater Management Decisions- - DNR staff (invited) Jim Stark, Don Rosenberry.
- 5:30 pm Arrive at hotel, Park Rapids.
- 6:00.Dinner catered by Necce's & Speakers: Don Rosenberry, USGS- lakes, lake hydrology, stream and groundwater interaction; MGS and DNR staff--local geology and hydrology. Remarks by Pete Jacobson and Dan Steward.
- Representative Erickson and White Earth Tribal Chair Fairbanks
- 7:00 pm Open Mic & Time for questions, comments, conversations.

#### August 20, 2024

- 7:00 - 8:00 am breakfast at hotel
- 8:30 am load bus and depart from hotel
- 9:00 am: Camp Wilderness, Northern Lights Council Boy Scout Camp Project highlight active land protection, forest land and pollinator habitat management, youth and community engagement. \* (NLBCA, MLT, NRCS, HCSWCD). Depart 9:45
- 10:00 am Deep Lake Park-a new Hubbard County Park that includes forestland protection, hiking trail recreation and a campground. This was an abandoned ski resort. The project has involved Hubbard Co, TPL, and Conservation Fund. Depart 10:30
- 11:00 am Former Potlatch Parcels under active forest management including forest stewardship, tree planting and conservation easement applications. Depart 11:30
- 11:45 am - 12:30 pm Driving Tour and Commentary on Steamboat Lake and Necktie River—protection and restoration project—overview of partnerships and activities. \*
- 12:30 pm Lunch at the Woodshed in Laporte, MN. Restrooms available. Depart 1:15
- 1:30 pm Kabekona Lake: success story discussion. Depart by 2:00 \*
- 2:30 pm Ten Mile Lake Success Story (Cass County) Depart 2:45
- 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm en route Mississippi Headwaters Board project highlight & success stories \*
- 3:45 pm RIM Protection Easement. Depart 4:00pm
- 4:20 Stop at Legionville: Educational Center, 9544 Legionville Rd, Brainerd Topics: RIM Easements, Land protection for water quality successes Overlook Park Mississippi Corridor, Camp Ripley, Conservation Fund, 800 acres preserved.\* Depart 4:45 pm

**Bus ETA back to Rice is 5:30 pm.**

**Shuttle ETA back to Park Rapids is 6:00 pm, can schedule multiple stops to return people to their vehicles.** Email Crystal to arrange any needed mid-day transportation to or from the bus route [crystal.heswcd@gmail.com](mailto:crystal.heswcd@gmail.com)

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