



Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

Thursday, October 24, 2024

11:30 AM

Remote via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Sen. Weber, Co-Chair
Rep. Hemmingsen-Jaeger, Co-Chair
Sen. Hoffman
Rep. Fischer
Rep Jacob
Rep Schultz
Rep. Skraba
Sen. Kupec
Sen. Lang

Members Excused:

Sen. Putnam
Sen. Wesenberg
Rep Rehm

Call to Order

Senator Weber called the meeting of the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy to order at 11:30 AM. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Rep. Skraba moved the approval of the July 15, 2024, meeting minutes. Senator Weber provided the second. The motion prevailed.

Presentations

Chair Weber announced that the agenda was full and that questions would be held until the end of the meeting, if time allowed. Questions could also be directed, after the meeting to Director Stark.

Dr. Bob Tipping, Director, New Director of the Minnesota Geological Survey (MGS) described activities of the MGS

Crystal Mathisrud (Hubbard Co SWCD) and Jim Stark provided a review of the August field tour with focus on needs for legislation and funding.

Straight River Update: Summary of two recent reports in the impact of irrigation on the Straight River, Jason Moeckel (DNR); Kevin Stroom (MPCA).

Rob Sip, Executive Director of the Red River Watershed Management Board provided an overview of flood management needs in the Red River Basin.

Scott Sparlin, Minnesota River Congress described the need for the creation of a water management board for the Minnesota River.

Robyn Dwight Keep in Clean Initiative described the need for funding for the initiative to keep trash off lakes in winter.

Jake Wildman: President-Minnesota Irrigators Association described irrigation issues and needs in Minnesota.

Jeff Forester: Minnesota Lakes and Rivers described the need for legislation focused on aquatic invasive species as well as regulations for boats.

Tannie Eshenaur (MDH) described the draft State Drinking Water Action Plan

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:04 PM.