



Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

Minutes

December 7, 2020

Remote Meeting

Members present:

Rep. Jeff Brand
Sen. Rich Draheim
Sen. Kent Eken
Rep. Peter Fischer
Sen. Michael Goggin
Rep. Josh Heintzeman
Rep. Todd Lippert
Rep. John Poston
Rep. Paul Torkelson
Sen. Bill Weber
Sen. Chuck Wiger

Members excused:

Sen. Chris Eaton

Senator Weber called the remote meeting of the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Rep. Heintzeman moved to approve Subcommittee Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2020. **Motion carried.**

Discussion of legislative recommendations for the 2021 session. Sen. Weber asked to see the bills in their final form.

Matt Spellman, Director of Political Affairs, Minnesota Realtors provided further testimony relating to mandatory well testing at property transfer. (See letter dated July 2, 2020, included in meeting materials for September 16, 2020.)

The Minnesota Chloride Management plan was presented by Brooke Asleson, MPCA and Greta Gauthier, MPCA. Additionally, Sue Nissen, from Stop Over Salting, provided testimony.

Public Waters' Inventory, Limbo Creek, Trends in Minnesota River flows information was provided by Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner, DNR and Steve Colvin, Division Director, Ecological and Water Resources, DNR.

The following individuals provided testimony:

- Thomas Kalahar
- Elise Larson, Senior Attorney, MCEA
- Peg Furshong, Landowner
- Scott Sparlin, Executive Director for the Minnesota River Congress
- Tom Wolner, Lake Pepin LegacyAlliance
- Ted Suss, Executive Director of the Friends of the Mississippi River
- Sever Peterson, Farmer – Shakopee
- David Minge, Izaak Walton League

Due to the meeting running long, the following individuals were asked to submit their testimony in writing:

Rhyan Schicker, CURE

Mark Ten Eyck

Doug Thomas

Representative Fischer brought up that the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy is to sunsent the end of December. He also indicated that the subcommittee should come together before session starts to discuss bills to be presented.

Director Stak advised that LCC Executive Director, Michelle Weber was bringing forward a recommendation to continue the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water (or Legislative Water Commission) to the LCC, at their next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.