SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINNESOTA WATER POLICY

Remote Meeting

JULY 9, 2021

10 AM

Co-Chairs:
Sen. Chris Eaton
Rep. John Poston (presiding)

Jim Stark, Director Subcommittee Support: Sandy Most

AGENDA

- CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES FROM JUNE 7
- DROUGHT UPDATE, JASON MOECKEL, DNR (10 MIN)
- PRESENTATION: LAKE SUPERIOR/ST LOUIS RIVER--WATER ISSUES, CONCERNS AND PROGRESS: NANCY SCHULDT, WATER PROJECTS COORDINATOR AT FOND DU LAC RESERVATION (15 MIN)
- PRESENTATION: JEFF BROBERG, DIRECTOR, MINNESOTA WELL OWNERS ORGANIZATION—WATER SAFETY FOR PRIVATE WELL OWNERS (15 MINUTES)
- BRIEFING: LEGISLATIVE PROCESS: STAKEHOLDER SURVEY AND STAKEHOLDER MEETING SCHEDULE.
- TESTIFIERS, IF ANY
- ADJOURN

PRESENTATION- DROUGHT UPDATE

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PRESENTATION- LAKE SUPERIOR

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PRESENTATION-PRIVATE WELL SAFETY

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ORGANIZATION—WATER SAFETY FOR
PRIVATE WELL OWNERS

PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE PROCESS- JIM STARK

2021 SESSION RECAP

This session we introduced 8 bills:

- Based on revisions of previous bills and additional issues
- Grouped by themes--from the 33 bill ideas
- Focused on Water Quantity, Water Quality, Safe Drinking Water, Wastewater, Water Retention, Water Governance and a Buffer Tax Credit
- Some parts of these bills moved forward
- Generally, bills involved complicated policy that did to fit well with the priories of the session



- Re-evaluate/revise bills from 2021
- Considering 45 relevant water issues
- Reduce list to those with greatest support-- survey
- Hold 3 stakeholder meetings--feedback on issues with the greatest support
- Reach consensus on a subset of bills
- Draft bills early fall

2022 SESSION: BILL CATEGORIES

- WATER GOVERNANCE
- POLICY
- SAFE DRINKING WATER
- FUNDING
- EDUCATION
- TAXES
- WASTEWATER
- WATER QUALITY



- >Announcements?
- >Short Subcommittee in August
- >Clean Water field trip to SW Minnesota



THANKS

Adjourn