

SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINNESOTA WATER POLICY

December 7, 2022

2:00 pm

co-chairs:

Senator Chris Eaton, Representative John Poston (presiding)

Jim Stark, Director

Subcommittee Support: Carol Bisbee

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order/approval of Subcommittee minutes: September 28**
- 2. FY24-25 Clean Water Council recommendations overview: Paul Gardner, Administrator, Clean Water Council**
- 3. GCOLA Lake Steward: Dr. Dorothy Whitmer**
- 4. Subcommittee Legislative Update--recommendations for the upcoming session**
- 5. Testifiers, if any**
- 6. Adjourn**

PRESENTATION 1

FY24-25 Clean Water Council Recommendations Overview:

Paul Gardner, Administrator, Clean Water Council

PRESENTATION-2

GCOLA Lake Steward:

Dr. Dorothy Whitmer

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- **Two Fall Stakeholder meetings were held**
- **Reviewed 51 legislative issues from members, citizens and stakeholders**
- **Checked in with Agencies**
- **Received significant feedback**
- **Survey followed to prioritize**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE -2

- **Next session the Subcommittee and the members will be different**
- **Subcommittee sunsets on January 1**
- **Hopefully, it will be continued**
- **Meanwhile, I plan to work with individual members**

SENATE MEMBERS

- **SENATOR CHRIS EATON, CO-CHAIR**
- **SENATOR RICH DRAHEIM**
- **SENATOR KENT EKEN**
- **SENATOR MICHAEL GOGGIN**
- **SENATOR BILL WEBER**
- **SENATOR CHARLES WIGER**

HOUSE MEMBERS

- **REPRESENTATIVE JOHN POSTON, CO-CHAIR**
- **REPRESENTATIVE PATTY ACOMB**
- **REPRESENTATIVE PETER FISCHER**
- **REPRESENTATIVE JOSH HEINTZEMAN**
- **REPRESENTATIVE TODD LIPPERT**
- **REPRESENTATIVE PAUL TORKELESON**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE-3

Suggested path forward:

- **Work with remaining members and other Legislators**
- **Focus on bills introduced this/last session**
- **Then on priority bills from stakeholder process**

SUBCOMMITTEE BILLS FROM LAST SESSION

- **Addressing areas of groundwater scarcity**
- **Defining sustainable groundwater limits using technological advances.**
- **Voluntary private well testing**
- **Ensuring the safety of private wells by identifying and monitoring vulnerable aquifers**
- **Improving water and agriculture, precision ag**
- **Tax credit for private riparian buffer lands**
- **Water safety plans for cities– a pilot**
- **Water Commission and the Wastewater Advisory Council**
- **Complete preservation goals for water quality and quantity for the Upper Mississippi**
- **Enhanced groundwater recharge policy**
- **Keeping water on the land--water retention**
- **Water retention—urban storm water**
- **Supporting fixed costs for watershed districts--change in statute to keep up with inflation**
- **Adjusting water appropriation priorities for commercial entities with conservation plans**
- **Chloride reduction and the MPCA report**
- **Testing for and remediation of lead in drinking water at certain facilities**

NEW HIGH PRIORITY BILLS

- **Based on member/stakeholder/agency/citizen input**
- **Many of complement and support Clean Water recommendations**
- **I'll be in contact with subcommittee members regarding authorship**
- **I will keep you all informed**

New High Priority Bills

- **NEEDED UPDATE OF THE 1989 GROUNDWATER PROTECTION ACT**
- **ADDRESSING AREAS OF GROUNDWATER SCARCITY**
- **STATEWIDE POLICY ON MANURE MANAGEMENT**
- **LONG RANGE WATER PLANNING**
- **FUTURE OF DRINKING WATER- PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**
- **CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM POLICY**
- **STOPPING CARP**
- **SHALLOW LAKES MANAGEMENT**
- **STATEWIDE MINING POLICY**
- **CARBON CAPTURE IN MINE WASTE ROCKS**
- **KEEPING OUR LAKES CLEAN INITIATIVE**
- **ST. ANTHONY FALLS CUTOFF WALL**
- **IMPACT OF WAKE BOATS**
- **TESTING FOR AND REMEDIATION OF LEAD AT CERTAIN FACILITIES**

THANKS

- **Comments, Questions**
- **Testifiers**
- **Thanks and Happy Holidays**
- **Adjourn**