

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
520 LAFAYETTE ROAD NORTH
ST. PAUL, MN 55155
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025**

AGENDA

9:00 AM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM (10-minute agenda time, two-minute limit/person)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

- Tracy Ohmann, Human Resources Director

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

A conflict of interest, whether actual, potential, or perceived, occurs when someone in a position of trust has competing professional or personal interests, and these competing interests make it difficult to fulfill professional duties impartially. At this time, members are requested to declare conflicts of interest they may have regarding today's business. Any member who declares an actual conflict of interest must not vote on that agenda item. All actual, potential, and perceived conflicts of interest will be announced to the board by members or staff before any vote.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Grants Program and Policy Committee – Part 1

1. Manure Management and Groundwater Protection Grant – Justin Hanson – **DECISION ITEM**

REPORTS

- Chair & Administrative Advisory Committee – Todd Holman
- Acting Executive Director – Dave Weirens
- Audit & Oversight Committee – Joe Collins
- Dispute Resolution and Compliance Report – Travis Germundson/Rich Sve
- Grants Program & Policy Committee – Mark Zabel
- RIM Reserve Committee – Jayne Hager Dee
- Water Management & Strategic Planning Committee – Joe Collins
- Wetland Conservation Committee – Jill Crafton
- Buffers, Soils & Drainage Committee – LeRoy Ose
- Drainage Work Group – Neil Peterson/Tom Gile

AGENCY REPORTS

- Minnesota Department of Agriculture – Thom Petersen
- Minnesota Department of Health – Steve Robertson
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Sarah Strommen

- Minnesota Extension – Joel Larson
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Katrina Kessler

ADVISORY COMMENTS

- Association of Minnesota Counties – Brian Martinson
- Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees – Mike Schultz
- Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts – LeAnn Buck
- Minnesota Association of Townships – Eunice Biel
- Minnesota Watersheds – Jan Voit
- Natural Resources Conservation Service – Troy Daniell

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Buffers Soils and Drainage Committee

1. Buffer Program Procedures Update Request for Public Comment – Travis Germundson and Tom Gile – ***DECISION ITEM***

Grants Program and Policy Committee – Part 2

1. FY26 Soil Health Delivery Authorization – Jared House and Tom Gile – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Funding Recommendations for the FY26 Water Quality and Storage Program Grants – Rita Weaver – ***DECISION ITEM***

RIM Reserve Committee

1. Conservation Easement Alteration Policy Revision – Karli Swenson – ***DECISION ITEM***

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2026 Proposed BWSR Board Meeting Schedule – Dave Weirens – ***DECISION ITEM***

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Central Region Committee is scheduled for December 8th at 2:00 p.m. in St. Paul and by MS Teams.
- BWSR Board meeting is scheduled for December 18th at 9:00 a.m. in St. Paul and by MS Teams.

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