

## LCC Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

# MINUTES July 16, 2019

#### Members present:

Sen. Rich Draheim

Sen. Chris Eaton

Rep. Peter Fischer, Convener

Sen. Michael Goggin

Rep. Josh Heintzeman

Rep. Todd Lippert

Rep. John Poston

Sen. Bill Weber

Sen. Chuck Wiger

### Members excused:

Rep. Jeff Brand

Sen. Kent Eken

Rep. Paul Torkelson

Rep. Peter Fischer called the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, in hearing room 10 of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Members introduced themselves.

Greg Hubinger provided information regarding the conversion of the Legislative Water Commission to the LCC Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy.

Rep. John Poston made a motion to retain Sen. Weber and Rep. Fischer (formerly co-chairs of the Legislative Water Commission) as co-chairs of the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy.

Motion carried.

Sen. Chris Eaton moved approval of Legislative Water Commission Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2019.

Motion carried.

Jim Stark, Director of the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy presented Subcommittee Priorities for 2020.

Dr. Paul Capel, Uof M and USGS provided a presentation on The Watershed Restoration Process: Chesapeake Bay.

Rich Biske, The Nature Conservancy, presented information on the Watershed Protection Initiative, Upper Mississippi River.

Paul Gardner from the CWC, Minnesota Groundwater Association, and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency provided information regarding a September field tour and meeting. The meeting will be held Sunday, Sept. 15 in Rochester, MN. Monday morning a bus will leave, from the hotel, and go to Chatfield, Fountain, and locations along the Root River. Itineraries and invitations will be provided to members and staff.

Water Resource Conference will be held at the River Center in mid-October. Additional information will be provided at a future meeting.

## Future meetings:

- Tuesday, August 20, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
  - o A stakeholder meeting will follow
- Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Meeting adjourned: 11:09 a.m.