



## Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

### Minutes

November 24, 2021

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Remote Meeting

#### Members present:

Senator Draheim

Senator Eaton

Senator Eken

Representative Fischer

Senator Goggin

Representative Heintzeman

Representative Lippert

Representative Poston

Representative Torkelson

Senator Weber

Senator Wiger

#### Members excused:

Representative Acomb

Representative Poston called the meeting of the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy to order at 9:33 a.m. A quorum was present.

Representative Heintzeman moved to approve Subcommittee Meeting Minutes from October 20, 2021. Senatore Eaton 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Motion Prevailed.**

Dr. Melinda Erickson, USGS, provided a presentation on Arsenic in groundwater; options for well owners.

Dr. Dan Kaiser, UM, discussed Nitrogen fertilizer amendmets.

Dr. Raj Mann, MDA, provided a presentation on the Registration of fertilizer, soil, and plant amendmets.

Randall Doneen, DNR, addressed Public Water and Public Water Inventory

Jim Stark provided a presentation related to the Subcommittee's Legislative Agenda, Consensus was sought for:

- Safe Drinking water: Allocation to MDH/UM—Voluntary private well water testing clinics (non-profit organization) (UM/MDH priority) (bill 5)

- Water Safety Plans for Cities: Appropriation for a pilot implementation (UM/MDH priority) (bill 7)
- Reactivation of the LWC and the Water Advisory Council (bill 9)
- Environmental Justice: Ensure that all have drinking water free from lead (allocation) (bill 11)

Representative Fischer made a motion to move these actions forward. Senator Eaton 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Motion Prevailed.**

- Safety for domestic wells--Identify vulnerable aquifers, coordinate and supplement existing agency monitoring into a coordinated network (allocation) (bill 6)
- Define sustainable groundwater limits using technological advances--define limits in a pilot one-watershed/one plan (allocation) (UM sustainability report) (bill 1)
- Soil-health action plan: Research, implementation, and outreach (allocation) (bill 8)
- Complete land preservation objectives to preserve high-valued lakes in the Upper Miss. (allocation) (bill 10)

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- Improve Ag production and water quality: UM allocation for research/outreach for precision agriculture (bill 3)
- Tax credit for private riparian buffer lands (bill 4)
- Policy and an appropriation to encourage groundwater recharge where needed (bill 12)
- Keeping water on the land, water retention (allocation ) (bill 13)
- Watershed Districts- changing the general fund appropriation limit to support fixed costs (bill 15)

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Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.