



Legislative Water Commission

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Room 5, State Office Building

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

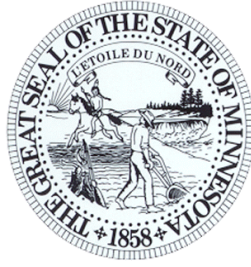
Sen Gary Dahms
Sen Carrie Ruud
Sen Bev Scalze
Sen Matt Schmit
Rep David Bly
Rep Peter Fischer
Rep Rod Hamilton
Rep Clark Johnson
Rep Paul Torkelson

Members Excused

Sen Roger Chamberlain
Sen Charles Wiger
Rep Matt Dean

In the absence of a quorum, Representative Paul Torkelson began the Legislative Water Commission (LWC) meeting at 6:05 pm on Monday, April 13, 2015 in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

- I. A brief overview of the forthcoming Smithsonian Water Project was given by staff. This initiative is being managed by the Minnesota Humanities Center, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Minnesota Historical Society, and other partners. Six small, out-state towns will be selected in late May to host the exhibit for six weeks each, starting in summer 2016. Each town will develop citizen engagement events that the LWC may be interested in utilizing as listening sessions. Erika Herrmann (MHC) was present to answer questions.
- II. The meeting was officially called to order at 6:15 p.m., when a quorum was present. Rep. Bly moved approval of the minutes for the March 16, 2015 meeting. THE MOTION PREVAILED.
- III. Plans for future meetings of the LWC were discussed. Future meetings will be scheduled at the close of each meeting. Members suggested a variety of topics, including some associated with bills proposed this session, such as the buffer issue. An interest was expressed in going into the field to observe urban and agricultural land uses and what's



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working or not working to address their impacts. These trips could be an opportunity for hosting public forums and bringing media attention to the issues. Other thoughts shared included: a desire for working together, focusing on measureable outcomes, interfacing with the Clean Water Council and Drainage Work Group, understanding the social science side of implementation, addressing non-compliant parties, identifying legal barriers, and coming back in 2016 with recommendations vetted by the four caucuses.

After session, the co-chairs will meet with staff to develop a plan for a July field tour that begins to address member interests.

IV. The next meeting date will be Monday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the State Office Building. Water-related businesses will be invited to present.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.