



Legislative Water Commission

Minutes

April 1, 2019

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Members present

Rep. Peter Fischer
Sen. Bill Weber
Re, Jeff Brand
Sen. Rich Draheim
Sen. Chris Eaton
Sen. Kent Eken
Sen. Michael Goggin
Rep. Josh Heintzeman
Rep. Todd Lippert
Rep. John Poston
Sen. Chuck Wiger

Members excused

Rep. Paul Torkelson

Rep. Fischer called the Legislative Water Commission meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 1, 2019 at the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Rep. Poston moved approval of the February 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried**

Sen. Eaton moved approval of the March 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes. **Motion carried**

The commission welcomed their new member, Senator Michael Goggin.

There was a discussion regarding the progress on LWC recommended bills and what the next steps would be.

Lori Blair, Executive Director of MN Rural Water Association, provided a presentation on the MN Rural Water Association.

Jim Stark, Director, Legislative Water Commission, presented an update on Section 404 Assumption: Clean Water Act.

Jim Stark, Director, Legislative Water Commission, presented a history of proposed changes to the specific conductance standard.

Jim Stark, Director, Legislative Water Commission, discussed Legislation for a Consolidated Water Agency.

Jim Stark, Director, Legislative Water Commission, proposed having a field tour with CWC, LCCMR, LSOHC this Summer. Staples and Gull Lake, Chain of lakes were mentioned. Members were asked to submit their suggestions within the next two weeks.

Status of other introduced “water” legislation was discussed.

Next meeting may be scheduled in early June, either the 3rd or the 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.