

Legislative Water Commission
December 12, 2014
Room 200, State Office Building

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Sen. Dahms
Rep. Dean
Rep. Fischer
Rep. Johnson
Rep. Hamilton
Rep. Persell
Sen. Scalze
Sen. Schmit
Sen. Wiger

Members Excused

Sen. Chamberlain
Sen. Ruud
Rep. Torkelson

Senator Bev Scalze called the meeting of the Legislative Water Commission to order at 9:05 AM on Thursday, December 12, 2014 in Room 200 of the State Office Building.

A quorum was present.

Sen. Dahms moved approval of minutes. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Duanne Bakke, Fillmore County Commissioner, Association of Minnesota Counties, presented on the water policy issues counties deal with and spoke to their priorities.

Craig Johnson, League of Minnesota Cities, presented on the water policy issues that cities deal with including wastewater, storm water, drinking water, conservation and supply issues.

Steve Woods, Freshwater Society, and Darrell Gerber, Freshwater Society, presented on surface water and groundwater issues.

Steve Morse, Minnesota Environmental Partnership, presented on water quantity and quality, and spoke to nitrate contamination.

Barb Naramore, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, presented an overview of the lawsuit and the settlement agreement between the White Bear Lake restoration Association and the Department of Natural Resources.

Shannon Whittaker, White Bear Lake Restoration Association, and James Markoe, White Bear Lake Homeowners Association, provided testimony on the settlement agreement between the White Bear Lake Restoration Association and the Department of Natural Resources.

The following people provided public testimony:

Mark Maloney, Public Works Director, City of Shoreview

Craig Johnson, League of Minnesota Cities

Members then reviewed the proposed Commission Procedures.

Sen. Wiger moved to amend line 4.0 after "The co-chairs" insert ", in consultation with the other members of the Commission,". THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Sen. Wiger moved approval of the proposed Commission procedures as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.