



## Legislative Water Commission

### Minutes

February 11, 2019

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#### Members present

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

#### Members excused

Rep. Paul Torkelson

Senator Wiger called the Legislative Water Commission meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. on Monday, February 11, 2019 at the State Office Building in Hearing Room 10. A quorum was present.

Representative Fischer moved approval of Minutes from the November 13, 2018 and December 10, 2018 meetings. **Motion carried.**

Senator Wiger welcomed new members and introductions were made.

Representative Poston moved to elect Senator Weber and Representative Fischer as co-chairs of the Legislative Water Commission. **Motion carried.**

The gavel was passed to Senator Weber.

Les Lemm, from MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) presented an Update: Section 404, Clean Water Act.

Al Kean a chief engineer from BWSR then provided information regarding the Drainage Working Group Consensus Recommendations.

Jim Stark, Director, Legislative Water Commission, provided a brief update.

Testifiers included:

Lance Ness, AFH, FWLA, MCF (with praise for BWSR and the Section 404; Clean Water Act.)

Keith Carlson, Executive Director, Minnesota Inter-County Association (additional information regarding Section 404; Clean Water Act.)

Sue Nissen, Stop Over Salting (presented concerns regarding excessive chloride use.)

A brief discussion took place regarding scheduling meetings during session. Possibly one of the last two Monday evenings of each month may be considered. A survey will be sent out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.