



Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy

Minutes

February 17, 2020

Members present:

Rep. Jeff Brand
Sen. Chris Eaton
Sen. Kent Eken
Rep. Peter Fischer
Rep. Josh Heintzeman
Rep. Todd Lippert
Rep. John Poston
Rep. Paul Torkelson
Sen. Bill Weber
Sen. Chuck Wiger

Members excused:

Sen. Rich Draheim
Sen. Michael Goggin

Rep. Fischer called the meeting of the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy to order at 5:30 p.m. in the basement hearing room of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

Rep. Heintzeman moved to approve Subcommittee Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2020. **Motion carried.**

Jim Stark, Director of the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy, provided information related to the Legislative Priorities and asked members to complete a spreadsheet indicating their willingness to introduce and/or sign onto water-related bills.

Jamie Konopacky and Craig Cox from the Environmental Working Group made a presentation related to groundwater quality and nitrate assessments.

Jim Stark, Director of the Subcommittee on Minnesota Water Policy, provided an update on the Wadena County petition and state water appropriation and environmental review process.

Chris Elvrum, Minnesota Department of Health, provided a presentation on private wells and drinking water safety.

There was discussion regarding having bills prepared and jacketed for the next meeting.

A March meeting will be tentatively scheduled for March 16, 2020, in the evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.