

# **SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINNESOTA WATER POLICY**

**September 13, 2023**

**2:00 pm**

**Jim Stark, Director**

**Michelle Weber**

**Legislative Coordinating Commission, Executive Director**

# MEETING AGENDA

- **SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINNESOTA WATER POLICY: SEPTEMBER 13TH TIME: 2:00 PM**
- **CALL TO ORDER: PRESIDING MEMBERS SENATOR HAWJ/REPRESENTATIVE FISCHER**
- **REVIEW PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE: MICHELLE WEBER/JIM STARK**
- **INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS**
- **ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS: PRESIDING MEMBERS**
- **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 7, 2022, MINUTES**
- **DISCUSSION ABOUT FUTURE MEETINGS**
- **SUMMARY OF SUBCOMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS: JIM STARK**
- **KEEP IT CLEAN INITIATIVE: FUNDING REQUEST FOR EDUCATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO ADDRESS WINTER WASTE DISPOSAL ON LAKES: MIKE HIRST, LAKE OF THE WOODS SWCD**
- **SMART-WATER USE POSITION PAPER: MN WATER WELL ASSOCIATION: DAVE SCHULENBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
- **ADJOURN**

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER POLICY PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

- **REVIEWS WATER POLICY REPORTS & MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS**
- **REPORTS TO THE MEMBERS**
- **MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ASSIST IN FORMULATING LEGISLATION**
- **SHARE DATA & INFORMATION WITH LCCMR, CWC, LEGISLATIVE STANDING COMMITTEES**
- **PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT FROM CONSTITUENTS—LEGISLATIVE NEEDS**
- **COORDINATE WITH OTHER GROUPS**

# SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

## SENATE MEMBERS

- SENATOR WEBER
- SENATOR LANG
- SENATOR WESENBERG
- SENATOR KUPEC
- SENATOR PUTMAN
- SENATOR HAWJ

## HOUSE MEMBERS

- REPRESENTATIVE SCHULTZ
- REPRESENTATIVE SKRABA
- REPRESENTATIVE JACOB
- REPRESENTATIVE FISCHER
- REPRESENTATIVE REHM
- REPRESENTATIVE HEMMINGSTEN-JAEGER

# ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS

- **PRESIDING MEMBERS**
- **CO-CHAIRS ARE FROM EACH OF THE TWO BODIES**
- **TRADITIONALLY, THEY HAVE BEEN FROM EACH OF THE PARTIES**
- **THE RESOLUTION DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT REQUIREMENT**
- **FOLLOWING THAT TRADITION, THE CO-CHAIRS WOULD BE FROM THE HOUSE (DFL) AND SENATE (GOP)**

# **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 7, 2022**

- **DECEMBER WAS THE LAST TIME THE COMMITTEE MET**
- **THE MINUTES FROM THAT MEETING ARE LISTED AT THE END OF THIS PRESENTATION**
- **THERE WERE TWO PRESENTATIONS AT THE MEETING**
- **THERE WERE NO ACTIONS TAKEN EXCEPT APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

# **DISCUSSION ON FUTURE MEETINGS**

- **IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE SUBCOMMITTEE COULD SET STANDING TIME TO MEET**
- **SUGGESTING THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 2:00 PM**
- **OR ANOTHER TIME?**
- **A MOTION WOULD BE APPRECIATED**
- **THIS WOULD NEED TO BE ADJUSTED AS THE SESSION BEGINS**

# **SUMMARY OF SUBCOMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- **THE FOLLOWING SLIDE CONTAINS A LIST OF LEGISLATIVE IDEAS CONSIDERED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE LAST SESSION**
- **16 OF THESE WERE INTRODUCED IN ONE OR BOTH BODIES**
- **A SUBSET (6) PASSED OR WERE INCORPORATED INTO OTHER BILLS**
- **MANY OF THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE NEXT SESSION**

# LEGISLATIVE WATER TOPICS-2023

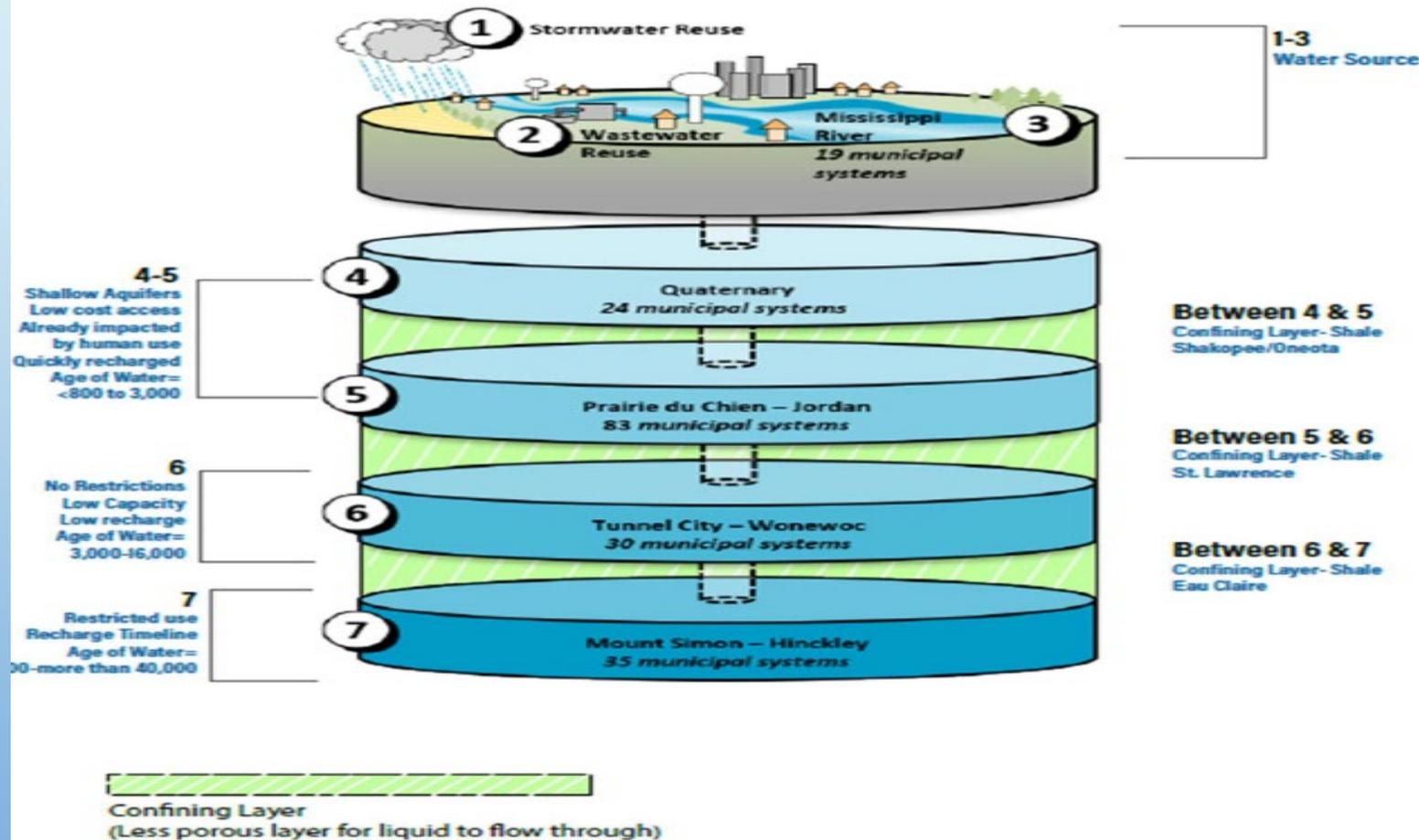
- 1--NEEDED UPDATE OF THE 1989 GROUNDWATER PROTECTION ACT
- 2- ADDRESSING AREAS OF GROUNDWATER SCARCITY
- 3--DEFINING SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER LIMITS USING TECH ADVANCES.
- 4- VOLUNTARY PRIVATE WELL TESTING
- 5--ENSURING THE SAFETY OF PRIVATE WELLS BY TESTING VULNERABLE AQUIFERS
- 6--IMPROVING WATER AND AGRICULTURE
- 7--TAX CREDIT FOR PRIVATE RIPARIAN BUFFER LANDS
- 8- WATER SAFETY PLANS FOR CITIES- A PILOT
- 9- SOIL-HEALTH ACTION PLAN
- 10--WATER COMMISSION AND THE WASTEWATER ADVISORY COUNCIL
- 11--COMPLETE LAND MANAGEMENT PRESERVATION FOR THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI
- 12--ENHANCED GROUNDWATER RECHARGE
- 13--KEEPING WATER ON THE LAND--WATER RETENTION
- 14--WATER RETENTION—URBAN STORM WATER
- 15--APPROPRIATION TO SUPPORT FIXED COSTS FOR WATERSHED DISTRICTS
- 16-- ASSESSING EMERGING AND UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS IN DRINKING WATER
- 17-- ADDRESSING WATER UTILITIES STAFFING SHORTAGE
- 18--UPGRADING DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE
- 19-- INCREASE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IN DRINKING WATER SAFETY
- 20--WATER EDUCATION
- 21--PRIORITIZING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES
- 22--INCREASED TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY
- 23--INCREASE EFFORTS -WASTEWATER AND STORM-WATER TREATMENT OPTIONS
- 24--ADDRESSING DISCONNECTS BETWEEN LAND USE AND WATER QUALITY
- 25--PLAN FOR CHANGES TO WATER RESULTING FROM CLIMATE CHANGE
- 26--STATEWIDE POLICY ON MANURE MANAGEMENT
- 27--WATER APPROPRIATIONS: INTER-BASIN TRANSPORT AND PROTECTION
- 28--ADJUSTING WATER APPROPRIATION PRIORITIES
- 29--REQUIRING LABELING FOR WIPES--WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATIONS
- 30--STATE ASSUMPTION OF FEDERAL WETLANDS PERMIT RESPONSIBILITIES
- 31--EMERGING CONTAMINANT SENTINEL MONITORING PROGRAM
- 32--WATER QUALITY TRADING
- 33--STREAMLINE IRRIGATION WATER APPROPRIATION PROCESS
- 34--GROUNDWATER QUALITY: PESTICIDE AND NUTRIENT POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
- 35--CHLORIDE REDUCTION AND THE MPCA REPORT
- 36--FOREVER CHEMICALS (PFOA AND PFOS) IN FOOD WASTE COMPOST
- 37--ENCOURAGING EFFICIENT WASTEWATER AND STORM-WATER TECHNOLOGY AND TREATMENT OPTIONS
- 38--LONG RANGE WATER PLANNING
- 39--FUTURE OF DRINKING WATER- PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE
- 40--CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM
- 41--ENCOURAGING REGIONALIZATION OF MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS
- 42--STOPPING THE CARP
- 43--SHALLOW LAKES MANAGEMENT
- 44--STATEWIDE MINING POLICY
- 46--CARBON CAPTURE IN MINE WASTE ROCKS
- 47--KEEPING OUR LAKES CLEAN INITIATIVE
- 48—ST. ANTHONY FALLS CUTOFF WALL
- 49--FOREVER CHEMICALS (PFOA AND PFOS)
- 50—IMPACT OF WAKE BOATS
- 51—TESTING FOR AND REMEDIATION OF LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

# **PRESENTATION: SMART-WATER POSITION PAPER**

- **MN WATER WELL ASSOCIATION**
- **DAVE SCHULENBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

# SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

## Minnesota's Groundwater Resources



# **PRESENTATION: KEEP IT CLEAN INITIATIVE--LAKES**

- **REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO ADDRESS WASTE DISPOSAL ON LAKES**
- **MIKE HIRST, LAKE OF THE WOODS SWCD**

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- *SUBCOMMITTEE ON MINNESOTA WATER POLICY-AGENDA, DECEMBER 7, 2022*
- *MEMBERS PRESENT: POSTON, EATON, FISCHER, WIGER, TORKELSON, HEINTZEMAN, WEBER, AND EKEN*
- *CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES: AUGUST 25 AND SEPTEMBER 28*
- *FY 24-25 CLEAN WATER COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS OVERVIEW: PAUL GARDNER, ADMINISTRATOR, CLEAN WATER COUNCIL*
- *LAKE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM: DR. DOROTHY WHITMER*
- *SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING SESSION: JIM STARK*
- *ADJOURN*

# **SUMMARY AND ADJOURN**

- **NEXT MEETING: REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE BILLS FOR NEXT SESSION**
- **THANKS FOR YOUR TIME**
- **MOTION TO ADJOURN**