

Potential Structure Makeup Considerations

These are from the 1994 recommendations

The following structure is recommended.

Citizens-These members should be chosen to represent the diversity of interests in the river basin farmers, businesspeople, educators, and conservationists. These citizens should be knowledgeable about and actively interested in the Minnesota River. To convince the general public that the Commission is not just another government agency, it is essential that at least half the members of the Commission come from this group.

Local organizations

These members should be elected officials or agency staff who have already been working to clean up the river and who have been cooperating with other local organizations in that effort.

State agencies

These members should be the Commissioners or Deputies of agencies directly involved in Minnesota River issues, including MPCA, BWSR, MDA, and MDNR. In addition, one or more top representatives from Minnesota Extension Service (MES) or the University of Minnesota should be included.

Dakota communities

Members should include representatives of the Shakopee Mdewakanton, Lower Sioux, Upper Sioux, and Prairie Island Dakota communities.

Other potential member organizations to consider for inclusion (A list for discussion on membership makeup and size)

Minnesota State University Mankato, Water Resources Center	Minnesota Watershed Dist. Mgrs.
Minnesota Farmers Union	County Commissioners
MN Corn Growers Assn.	US Fish and Wildlife Service
MN Soybean Growers Assn.	Area 2 Joint Powers Board
MN Cattlemen's Assn.	Redwood Cottonwood Rivers C A
Land Stewardship Project	US Army Corps of Engineers
Minnesota Soil Health Coalition	Conservation Minnesota
Izaak Walton League (UMRI)	MN Well Owners Assn.
Ducks Unlimited	MN Wastewater Operators Assn.
Pheasants Forever	Catholic leadership representation
MN Fish	Lutheran leadership representation
The Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River	Faith Community representation
Clean Up our River Environment	Districts 5 and 6 SWCD Reps.
Friends of the Minnesota Valley	
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy	
Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance	
MN Conservation Federation	
Anglers for Habitat	
Mankato Paddling and Outing Club	
Retired Land Engineers	

(Could these be categorized and specialized?)