

# Joint Counties

## Natural Resources Board

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January 31, 2016

Dear: Senator Bakk  
Senator Tomassoni  
Representative McNamara  
Representative Daudt

The Joint Counties Natural Resources Board has gone on record supporting the enclosed resolution. The Board consists of county commissioners from each of the counties listed on this letterhead.

**WHEREAS, the 2015 Minnesota Legislature established guidelines, (MN Statute 103F.48), to develop a statewide program to provide riparian protection through the use of vegetative buffer strips;**

**WHEREAS, the Legislative guidelines address public waters and public drainage systems, which are to be identified through a mapping process, but intentionally did not address private drainage systems;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Joint Counties Natural Resources Board consisting of; County Commissioners, supports the Legislative intent to exclude private drainage systems from the requirements contained in the riparian protection legislation adopted in 2015;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Joint Counties Natural Resources Board hereby requests that the Minnesota Legislature clearly conveys their intent to exclude private drainage systems to Governor Mark Dayton, and the Agencies responsible for developing a statewide map of areas that will be subject to the riparian protection regulations outlined in 103F.48.**

In appreciation,

Commissioner Gary Kiesow  
Chairman

Cc: Governor Dayton  
Commissioner Landwehr  
Executive Director Jaschke BWSR  
Senator Stumpf  
Senator Skoe,  
Senator Saxhaug,

Representative Green,  
Representative Torkelson,  
Representative Hancock,  
Representative Eklund  
Representative Kiel,  
Representative Fabian