

**Joint Counties Natural Resources Board
September 23, 2019
Beltrami County Conference Room
10:00 AM**

MINUTES

Attendance: Commissioners:
Wayne Skoe - Koochiching Mark Larson - Clearwater
Gary Kiesow – Marshall Russell Walker - Alternate Roseau
Reed Olson - Beltrami Roger Falk – Roseau

Absent: Scott McCollum - Mahnomen Buck Nordlof – Lake of the Woods
Rich Courtemanche - Aitkin

DNR: Theresa Ebbenga – DNR NW Regional Director

BSWR: Matt Fisher – BSWR Board Conservationist

Guest: Laura Kiecher Community Engagement Advisor, Enbridge
Jennifer Malertzke, US Public Affairs, Enbridge

Other: Kallie Briggs; Coordinator

Call to Order: Chairman Commissioner Skoe called the Joint Counties Natural Resources Board to order at 10:05 AM on Monday, September 23, 2019 in the Beltrami County Conference Room.

Agenda: Motion by Kiesow, second by Olson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Falk, second by Larson to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Discussions:

- Administration/Office Expenses: Motion by Kiesow, second by Olson to approve the administration/office and meeting expenses. Motion carried unanimously.
- Account Activity Report: Motion was made by Falk, second by Olson to approve the September Account Activity Report that was compiled by Marshall County and distributed by Coordinator Briggs. Motion carried unanimously.

Guest: Laura and Jennifer were asked to give a presentation on Enbridge to the Board. They started out by telling the Board Enbridge is celebrating seventy years in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The company moves crude oil through a 36” diameter line. They produce products such as fiberglass and rubber, not just gasoline. Clearbrook is their mainline corridor and extends out to the cities from there. Safety is they’re number one priority. In 2018 they conducted 29,150 pipeline inspections, 358 inline inspections, 2,500 maintenance digs, and 315 emergency response drill and equipment deployments. The pipeline is monitored 24-7-365 days a year.

Line 3 has been in the ground since 1960 and needs to be replaced. Their timeline for repair began in 2014 – 2019 where the Court of Appeals remanded the EIS back to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). There is a public hearing meeting next week to see how they can fix the spill modeling report portion of the EIS that the supreme court remanded. In an order to do this they will have to complete

several permits and authorizations. To date there has been \$2.6 billion invested in Minnesota, it supports 8,600 jobs and 35 million in additional revenue. They also have agreement with 99% of private landowners and 11,000 signatures in support of the construction beginning. In closing they said they do whatever they can to protect the environment like using mats, build bridges or do horizontal directional drilling, intelligent valve placement and erosion control and buffer zones. They leave the land as it was or in better condition than it was before. Additional information regarding the pipeline is on file.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

DNR Update: Theresa is the new NW Regional Director who was recently appointed to replace Rita Albrecht. Theresa has been in the environment field for 23 years working EIS's with tribal, large companies and entities. She is well trained in conflict resolution and loves the outdoors. Originally from Minnesota, she looks forward to fishing, hunting and kayaking. She said the DNR's internal 10-year standard exam list for Sustainable Timber Harvest. Once it is complete it will be shared with the tribes and counties. The upcoming hunting season is fast approaching and CWD, although not in our area, is still a concern. Lastly, the DNR continues to work with watershed districts on Flood Damage Reduction projects. Her written report is on file.

BSWR Update: Matt's update consisted of new board members, Watershed Funding, and One Watershed, One Plan. He went on to say the Competitive Clean Water Fund received a total of 104 applications for \$30 million broke down into several projects. Soil and Water Districts may apply for a Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Competitive Grants. There is \$200,000 available. His full report is on file.

Next Meeting Date: The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, November 25, 2019. Wayne will work on getting a speaker who is a former employee of Potlatch.

Adjourn: Motion by Olson, second by Falk to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 AM.

Minutes submitted by Kallie Briggs-Administrative Coordinator