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Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team
Monday, January 11, 2016

The Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team met at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2016 in the Chisago County Household Hazardous Waste Facility Conference Room with the following Policy Team members present: Mike Robinson (County Commissioner), Kurt Schneider (Vice Chair, Environmental Services/Zoning), Kathy Filbert (Health and Human Services),

Also present: County Water Resource Manager Jerry Spetzman and County Water Resource Specialist Susanna Wilson.

The Vice Chair Kurt Schneider called the business meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Water Plan Policy Team members approved the minutes from the September 14, 2015 meeting.

Water Plan Policy Team members approved the agenda for the January 11, 2016 meeting.

2015 Water Quality Monitoring Report

County Water Resource Manager Jerry Spetzman reviewed the 2015 Water Quality Monitoring Report charts and tables, including the rank of lakes based on chlorophyll A, phosphorus levels and Secchi disk monitoring. Monitoring of the lakes will show trends overtime.

2015 Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Report

County Water Resource Manager Jerry Spetzman reviewed the 2015 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Report highlighting the graphs and charts showing the number of inspection hours per lake access, number of citations issued and the potential spread of AIS from lake to lake. The County will have a similar program and state funding available for 2016.

2016 Ditch Buffer Law

County Water Resource Manager Jerry Spetzman the 2016 Ditch Buffer Law. County Staff will enforce the rule if landowners do not comply. The Chisago Soil & Water Conservation District is helping landowners comply with the 50 feet rule for public waters and has estimated 500 acres of private lands is currently not in compliance.

Policy Member Terms

County Water Resource Manager Jerry Spetzman and the Policy Team discussed term limits of team members and which members are considering re-applying.

Updates

County Water Resource Manager Jerry Spetzman reviewed the proposed boundary adjustment for the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District to match the current Chisago Lakes Area Watershed boundary. Taxes will be payable in 2017 for the new taxable areas in the boundary.

Agency Updates

Kathy Filbert, Health & Human Services, provided an update on the recent Governor's Public Health Agency meeting identifying water resource issues as a top priority. County Health and

Human Services will be working with Environmental Services to develop public health nuisance policy and procedures.

County Water Resource Manager Jerry Spetzman provided an update on the Chisago Lakes Lake Improvement District Annual Report and Annual Meeting to be held in August 2016.

Next Meeting

The next Chisago County Water Plan Policy Team will be held on May 9, 2016.

Members Comments or Questions

The Policy Team discussed the recent vandalism of the North Branch Water Tower and potential of contamination of the water supply.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.