

MAWD Board Summer Tour Meeting
June 21, 2017
Country Inn & Suites, Bemidji, MN

Directors: Ruth Schaefer, Craig Leiser, Barbara Haake, Peter Fjestad, Darrel Ellefson, Jerome Deal, Duane Willenbring, Perry Forster, Ben Kleinwachter

Staff: Ray Bohn, Maddy Bohn

Guests: Linda Vavra, John Janschke, Claire Bleser, Anthony Wilder, Jill Crafton, Kevin Bigalke, Gene Tiedemann, Tera Guetter, LeRoy Carriere, Jan Voigt, Matt Moore, Diane Radermacher

Call to order by Ruth Schaefer at 2:05 pm

Brief introductions, agenda presented, motioned passed by Duane, second by Perry. Meeting minutes from Legislative Breakfast presented and passed. Craig gave budget update.

Legislative Report – do we want to stay at the Kelly Inn or move to Capitol Ridge (closer to the Capitol)?
Intangible connections – don't worry about the timeline, as long as it gets done.

Summer Tour – invite Legislators from the county / district we are exploring each year – Tera Guetter

BWSR has 3 tech staff (Al Keen's group) advising draining work groups, the drainage manual has just been updated. Craig - does the \$166K affect this? Ray – no.

Buffer strip county vote: (John Jaschke update: 46 saying yes / 11 saying no), June 28th they all have to make a decision and elect jurisdiction.

How can the MAWD board help push the buffer program? The districts need to formulate a resolution to share with MAWD so we can educate the county commissioners.

Ray Bohn: EQB – changed the membership, it's moving really fast and unable to keep everything up to date.

Matt Moore – ADA President, giving an update: Training ideas were gathered and will be shared with the MAWD board for approval. Tera Guetter & Mike Kinney put together Bylaws for the group to get reorganized. Matt will be stepping down as the immediate past president in the near future. Claire Bleser update – MAWD Annual Meeting - Thursday workshop (staff development based on topics presented by the ADA group). How to analyze environmental data and how to communicate the information publicly). Top three elements: staff development, communication and professional development is what came up that we need to focus on.

Roundtable discussion – clean water counsel, ADA is going after 60% of the money. Where are the rest of the agencies?

John Jaschke – outside of the ADA and MAWD – we are one group and need to work together as a “group” presenting the watershed districts. Gov office – 25 by 25 (Water quality improvement goal)
Highlighting the projects that watersheds are working on <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/25by25>

#25by25MN improve Minnesota’s water quality by 25% by 2025

Summer Tour update:

Our final count is 147 which includes:

15 spouse's tour attendees

3 reception only attendees

129 going on the bus tour

Transition committee – Jerome update: answers will be determined after the meeting, committee will meet during the ST to discuss further plans.

Meeting adjourned by Ruth

