

**MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, February 21, 2008
PCA Conference Room**

EQB Members Present: Dana Badgerow, Julie Goehring, Mark Holsten, Gene Hugoson, Randy Kramer, Susan McCarville, Dan McElroy, Brad Moore, Dennis Wenzel

EQB Members Absent: Jonathon Bloomberg, Sanne Magnan, Carol Molnau, Glenn Wilson

Others Present: Robert Roche, Jean Coleman & Michael McDonough, Rebecca Wooden

EQB Staff Present: Mike Sullivan, Gregg Downing, Jon Larsen, Princessa VanBuren, John Wells

I. Adoption of Consent Agenda and Minutes

McCarville moved and Kramer seconded approval of the consent agenda and minutes of the January 17, 2008 EQB meeting. The motion was approved.

II. Chair's Report

Hugoson deferred his comments pending Sullivan's report.

III. Executive Director's Report

Sullivan announced his plan to retire from state service on March 3, 2008. Chair Hugoson thanked Sullivan for his years of dedicated service to the State and to the Environmental Quality Board and read a Proclamation from the Governor, proclaiming February 21, 2008 as "Michael Sullivan Day" in the State of Minnesota.

IV. Approval of Water Availability Project Work Plan

In response to the Board's January 17, 2008 charge, EQB staff convened a work group of interested state agencies and the Metropolitan Council to advise the Board on the project and to develop materials for its consideration. Staff prepared a draft work plan with the work group's advice for Board approval. EQB staff recommended that the project be broadened to water availability issues, in general.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by McElroy to amend wording in section 6a of the work plan to read: “**Discuss the necessary steps and resources needed to build a long-term water resources policy framework. . .**” and section 6b of the work plan to read: “**Discuss the necessary steps and resources to develop information systems to support the framework**” with monthly discussion of the report until its completion. The amendment was approved. With the changes in wording, Moore moved and Holsten seconded approval of the amended work plan. The motion was approved.

V. Legal Counsel Report

Roche indicated that he and EQB staff had discussed the desirability of EQB filing an amicus brief in re: Dale K. Anderson, Joan M. Anderson, et al., Plaintiffs vs. The County of Mower, Minnesota, Lowell Franzen in his Official Capacity of the Mower County Feedlot Officer, Lowell Franzen, Individually, and the Santos Group, LLC, Defendants, and David and Lisa Patterson, Intervenors. Moore moved and McElroy seconded a motion for the EQB to file the amicus brief. The motion was approved.

VI. Presentation on University of Minnesota/Bonestroo/CR Planning project with LCCMR funding to develop a statewide conservation and preservation plan

Representatives of the project presented an update to the Board on their Phase II progress to date. They also sought authorization for EQB staff to partner with the project in moving forward with its outreach efforts.

VII. Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Report

Rebecca Wooden presented the DNR report evaluating the status of critical area corridor plans and ordinances, the types of variances sought and issued, and stakeholder perceptions of the corridor, which is a national recreation area.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.