

Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

520 Lafayette Road, Saint Paul, MN 55155

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Committee members present: Erika Bailey-Johnson, Jim Calkins, David Flakne, Sarah Foltz Jordan, Lex Horan, Bob Koch, Dan MacSwain, Kevin Paap, Erin Rupp, Dan Schutte, Marla Spivak, Ted Suss, Brian Thalmann, Yao Yang

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Activity	Time	Audio
1. Welcome, agenda review, and introductions	9:00	0:00:00
2. Review and approval of meeting notes Minutes were approved unanimously.	9:10	0:06:45
3. Legislative and Executive Branch updates: pollinator-related activities Whitney Place of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture provided an update on proposed mowing and haying legislation; Faith Krogstad of the Department of Natural Resources read a statement from Erik Runquist of the Minnesota Zoo and provided an update on the Mid-America Monarch Conservation Strategy.	9:15	0:07:15
4. Results of member surveys on recommendations Since the last meeting, members shared feedback on draft recommendations and further edited them. The surveys provided the group an opportunity to understand the level of support for the draft recommendations. At this meeting, members participated in a reflection and visioning exercise and then Faith Krogstad (DNR) and Giuseppe Tumminello (EQB) presented survey results.	9:30	0:20:00
5. Break	10:15	
6. Moving recommendations into a report: exploring options Members reflected individually on how to include or exclude ideas in a report to the governor. They then split up into small groups to discuss and reported to the whole group. The group unanimously not to exclude ideas from the report.	10:30	1:14:00

7.	LUNCH	12:00	
8.	Rob Davis, Fresh Energy – Pollinator-Friendly Solar presentation	1:00	2:03:00
	Rob Davis presented on the increase in solar array installations and the opportunities to include pollinator habitat on that land.		
9.	Thoughts from members of the public attending today’s meeting	1:30	2:43:45
	Several members of the public commented on the committee’s work and process, including representatives of Pesticide Action Network, Humming for Bees, and students from Lakeville, MN.		
3b.			2:57:15
	Additional Legislative & Executive Branch updates		
	Tina Markeson of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) provided information about MNDOT recommendations on mowing and haying and proposed legislation on mowing and haying.		
10.	Next steps on report-building process	1:45	3:05:00
	The committee decided to establish a new work team led by Marla Spivak, with representation from both Pesticide Subcommittee A and B, to find areas of common ground and modify recommendations accordingly. The Habitat Subcommittee will continue to refine and flesh out their recommendations. The committee also decided to establish May 10 as the deadline for new recommendations.		
11.	Planning future meetings	2:30	
	This agenda item was tabled.		
12.	Final thoughts of the day	2:45	4:03:15
13.	ADJOURN	3:00	

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