

**MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday August 15, 2018
MPCA Board Room
520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul**

EQB Members Present: Tom Landwehr, Jessica Looman, John Saxhaug, Julie Goehring, Alan Forsberg, Bryan Murdock, Gerald VanAmburg, John Linc Stine

EQB Members Absent: Dave Frederickson, Alene Tchourumoff, Kate Knuth, Kristin Eide-Tollefson, Matt Massman, Tom Moibi, Charlie Zelle, Shawntera Hardy, Jan Malcolm

Staff Present: Will Seuffert, Tabitha Cale, Erik Dahl, Kristin Mroz-Risse, Katie Pratt, Giuseppe Tumminello, Denise Wilson

Activity	Webcast
I. Adoption of Consent: Agenda and Minutes	0:00:10
II. Introductions In absence of Chairperson and Vice Chair, John Linc Stine served as Presiding Officer	0:00:37
III. Chairs Report – No Report	0:02:25
IV. Executive Director’s Report Remainder of EQB Meetings for 2018 are likely to be relocated due to construction in MPCA Board Room. Will Seuffert reviewed meeting topics for upcoming 2018 EQB Board Meetings. Considering transition planning as the board will change in the coming year.	0:02:30
V. EQB Energy and Environment Report Card: Land Indicators Greg Hoch (DNR) reviews the pheasant metric and provides a status update on MN pheasant habitat and efforts. Bob Patton (MDA) describes the land conversion metric and changes related to it throughout MN over recent years. Lisa Barajas (Met Council) describes trends and provides an urban perspective on the land conversion metric. Steve Giddings (MPCA) talks about the recycling metric and present challenges that could make it difficult to reach our goals.	0:06:13
VI. Mandatory Categories Rulemaking Update Erik Dahl (EQB) provides historical context and the timeline regarding Mandatory Categories Rule making changes. Denise Wilson (EQB) walks through priority rule changes and answers questions related to rule changes not directly addressed in walkthrough.	0:55:40
VII. Public Comment No public comment.	2:03:20
VIII. Adjourn	