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**April 19, 2017**

**Meeting Location:  
Minnesota State Capitol Room G-23  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

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March 15, 2017 Meeting Minutes
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#### **V. 25% by 2025 Water Quality Goal**

**Presenters:** Glenn Skuta  
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**Issue before the Board:**

Informational Item

**Background:**

Governor Mark Dayton and Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith have set forth an ambitious goal of achieving a 25% improvement in Minnesota's water quality by the year 2025. This is a time for citizens, government, businesses, and stakeholder groups to work together to identify regionally-specific priorities, create a shared vision for what a 25% improvement will look like for different parts of the state, and develop strategies to get us there.

The Governor's office, with the support of state agencies and local partners, is launching a civic engagement process from June through November 2017 to gather input on reaching the 25 x '25 goal. The civic engagement process will use a variety of methods to connect with the public, other stakeholders and local partners across the state to reach a broad range of constituents. The input we receive will be used to design legislative and administrative actions that will help communities move forward towards reaching a 25% improvement. The process is also designed to build constituencies and grassroots support for furthering a clean water agenda beyond this administration.

Presenters will discuss why the 25% by 2025 effort is important to Minnesotans, offer ideas for moving the project forward, and highlight opportunities for collaboration.

**Agencies Involved:**

- Department of Health
- Department of Agriculture
- Pollution Control Agency

- Metropolitan Council
- Department of Natural Resources
- Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Environmental Quality Board
- Public Facilities Authority

**Civic Engagement Process:**

To engage meaningfully with citizens, we need to meet them where they are. This means traveling to communities to hear from residents, providing opportunities for groups to organize their own discussions, and having a platform for online participation. Across all methods, the input gathered will help us determine:

1. What are the top water concerns in different regions of the state?
2. What would a successful 25% improvement look like for different regions?
3. What is needed to get there?

**VI. Approval of GreenCorps Application\*\***

**Presenter:** Claudia Hochstein  
Pollinator Coordinator  
Environmental Quality Board (EQB)  
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**Materials Enclosed:**

- Resolution
- Proposed Workplan

**Issues before the Board:**

EQB staff have applied to host a Minnesota GreenCorps member for the 2017-2018 program year. In order to continue with the application process, the EQB must agree to enter into and sign a host site agreement with the MPCA and must authorize and direct the Executive Director to sign the grant agreement on its behalf.

**Background:**

The Minnesota GreenCorps program year begins in mid- to late September and operates through August. Minnesota GreenCorps is a statewide initiative, coordinated by the MPCA, which places AmeriCorps members with host organizations to assist with a variety of statewide environmental needs. Host sites must provide in-kind contributions of office facilities and supervision.

On August 25, 2016, Governor Mark Dayton signed Executive Order 16-07, Directing Steps to Reverse Pollinator Decline and Restore Pollinator Health in Minnesota. This order asked EQB to create an Interagency Pollinator Protection Team (IPPT), consisting of representatives from many EQB member agencies and other sister agencies, to provide operational support, ensure interagency coordination, develop cross agency policies and programs, and report regularly on progress towards reversing pollinator decline and restoring pollinator health in Minnesota.

The IPPT has developed goals and indicators to track progress. In order to track our progress toward ensuring that lands throughout Minnesota support healthy, diverse, and abundant pollinator populations, the IPPT will track the acres of state-managed pollinator habitat within the Eastern Broadleaf Forest Ecological Province.

The proposed GreenCorps member would work under supervision of the Pollinator Coordinator to help the IPPT gather information from state agencies as well as county road and park authorities to map acres of pollinator habitat on public land. This effort would establish a robust baseline that would allow the limited staff resources of the IPPT to continue tracking future additions to pollinator habitat on public land, and which would allow external entities to access this information to help them with conservation planning.

The proposed member would also expand the capacity of the IPPT to provide education and outreach on pollinator topics.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends adopting the resolution to allow the EQB to enter into a host site agreement with the MPCA and authorize the Executive Director to sign the grant agreement on its behalf.

**VII. Adjourn**

**MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017  
MPCA Room Board Room  
520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul**

**EQB Members Present:** Dave Frederickson, John Saxhaug, Charlie Zelle, Tom Landwehr, Julie Goehring, Dr. Ed Ehlinger, Kristin Eide-Tollefson, Gerald VanAmburg, Tom Moibi, Kate Knuth, Shawntera Hardy, Matt Massman, Michelle Beeman in for John Linc Stine, Mike Rothman

**EQB Members Absent:** Adam Duininck, John Linc Stine

**Staff Present:** Will Seuffert, Courtney Ahlers-Nelson, Erik Dahl, Mark Riegel, Katie Pratt, Kristin Mroz-Risse

**I. Adoption of Consent Agenda and Minutes**

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Introduced the newest member to the EQB Board: Gerald VanAmburg, acting chair to the BWSR Board. Provided updates on proposed legislation impacting EQB, the Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection, and previewed upcoming Board meetings.

**V. Environmental Review Program Updates and 2016 Environmental Review Survey Results**

Presenters: Courtney Ahlers-Nelson and Mark Riegel, EQB

Presenters provided an overview of rulemaking, the creation of the ER Advisory Panel, ER outreach and technical assistance, and ER data management improvements.

Presenters also highlighted the key themes that emerged from the data collected in 2016 and discussed next steps for the EQB Environmental Review Program.

**VI. Environmental Congress Follow Up**

Presenter: Katie Pratt, EQB

Katie Pratt reflected on the event, reported next steps, and discussed the role of the Congress in EQB's ongoing civic engagement efforts.

**VII. Opportunities for Expanding Civic Engagement**

Presenters: Kevin Lindsey, Commissioner Department of Human Rights  
Carissa Slotterback, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, U of M  
Philip Schaffner, Minnesota Department of Transportation  
Marie Donahue, Natural Capital Project  
Anna Claussen, Institute for Agricultural and Trade Policy

This panel discussed how the EQB can continue to broaden and deepen its civic engagement work.

The following people provided oral testimony:

- John Munter
- Emily Moore
- Janet Hill
- Willis Mattison
- Andy Pearson
- Wichahpi Toh (Andy Pearson read her comments)
- Lisa Venable and Michelle Thelen – Guardians of Future Generations
- Don Arnosti – Isaak Walton League
- Mahyar Sorour – TakeAction Minnesota
- Barry Riesch

The audio recording of the meeting is the official record and can be found at this link:  
[ftp://files.pca.state.mn.us/pub/EQB\\_Board/](ftp://files.pca.state.mn.us/pub/EQB_Board/)

Webcast is also available on the EQB website: <https://www.eqb.state.mn.us/>



**RESOLUTION OF THE  
MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD**

Approval for the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board Staff to Enter into an Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to Host a Minnesota GreenCorps Member for the 2017-2018 Program Year.

WHEREAS, the Environmental Quality Board has applied to host an AmeriCorps member from the Minnesota GreenCorps, a program of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), for the 2017-2018 program year; and

WHEREAS, if the MPCA selects the Environmental Quality Board, the organization is committed to implementing the proposed project as described in the host site application, and in accordance with pre-scoped position description; and

WHEREAS, the MPCA requires that the Environmental Quality Board enter into a host site agreement with the MPCA that identifies the terms, conditions, roles and responsibilities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Environmental Quality Board hereby agrees to enter into and sign a host site agreement with the MPCA to carry out the member activities specified therein and to comply with all of the terms, conditions, and matching provisions of the host site agreement and authorizes and directs the Executive Director to sign the grant agreement on its behalf.

Approved and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016

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David J. Frederickson, Chair  
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

## Proposed Workplan for Environmental Quality Board to Host a Minnesota GreenCorps “Living Green” Member

Member activities	Projected Results/measures	General monthly timeline for each activity	Approximate hours of time allocated for each activity
<p>MN GreenCorps required orientation and quarterly trainings (approx. 100 hours)                      Other trainings, workshops, conferences (up to 170 hours)                      Civic engagement activities (up to 100 hours)</p>	<p>Members attend all required MN GreenCorps trainings, including the 3-day orientation in September and quarterly trainings. With approval from their supervisors and program staff, members participate in conferences, workshops, and other trainings throughout their service year. Members gain technical and professional skills to apply to their service projects and grow their professional network.                      Members participate in civic engagement activities to broaden their experience and further engage in their community.</p>	<p>September 2017-                      August 2018</p>	<p>300 hours</p>
<p>Introduction/orientation to EQB and Pollinators</p>	<p>Member will get an introduction to the many pollinator efforts underway at the state level, gaining professional contacts with all agency members of the Interagency Pollinator Protection Team and citizen members of the Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection.                      Member will read major literature on the pollinator issue (MDA Special Registration Review on Neonicotinoid Pesticides, etc.), read through available outreach material from the state, and familiarize his/her self with the major pollinator stakeholder groups in the state.                      Member will integrate into the EQB team through staff meetings and attendance at EQB events.</p>	<p>September 2017-                      November 2017</p>	<p>180</p>
<p>Surveying Minnesota County Road and Parks authorities for extent of pollinator habitat</p>	<p>Member makes contact with the 44 counties that lie within the Eastern Broadleaf Forest Province of Minnesota. The member would work with county staff, especially road managers and parks departments to determine the extent of pollinator-friendly habitat inside of the county.                      Member will coordinate the sharing of GIS shape files of pollinator-friendly habitat from county staff.                      While making these contacts, member will also provide a technical assistance function and direct county staff towards pollinator-friendly best management practices for road or park management, integrated pest management, and pesticide applicator trainings. If member makes contact with county governments before the hours are finished, the member will contact school districts for the same information.</p>	<p>November 2017-                      March 2018</p>	<p>360</p>
<p>Create an outward-facing GIS map of pollinator habitat on county and state land in the Eastern Broadleaf Forest</p>	<p>Member will create a GIS layer of pollinator-friendly habitat using shape files obtained from county officials. The member will make this map outward-facing and accessible to any interested parties and not just state agencies.</p>	<p>February 2018-                      April 2018</p>	<p>200</p>

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Ecological Province of Minnesota			
Participate in the Master Water Stewards Program	<p>Member will learn about hydrology, water policy, community engagement, and residential stormwater planning through classroom and online learning, culminating in a capstone project installation.</p> <p>The member will be responding to a need for practical overlaps in pollinator protection and other areas of sustainability. The member will work with Freshwater Society and other Master Water Stewards to incorporate pollinator-friendly practices into capstone projects.</p>	October 2017-April 2018	75
<p>1) Create materials and deliver education and outreach on pollinators for citizens</p> <p>2) Technical assistance to local governments on pollinator protection and local comprehensive planning</p> <p>3) Gathering information on pollinator stakeholders, coordinating outreach with these groups, and helping get interested parties to attend the Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection</p>	<p>1) Member will help develop educational materials that bridge pollinator issues across agencies, and will represent state agency pollinator efforts at local farmers' markets and events. Member will present on pollinators in Minnesota and pollinator-friendly practices in front of various citizen groups, especially in Greater Minnesota and the urban core in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Where possible on these trips, ground-truth existing pollinator habitat in coordination with Mn/DOT and DNR</p> <p>2)Member will research county and city comprehensive plan recommendations or guidance related to pollinator habitat or best management practices. Member will develop presentations and a guidance document to help local units of government include pollinator items in comprehensive plans. Member will deliver presentations (possibly including webinars) to local units of government on pollinator-friendly activities and best management practices.</p> <p>3) Member will help reach out to pollinator stakeholder groups and other interested groups to make connections that will help us coordinate outreach with other pollinator groups. The member will use the expansion of her/his professional network to help us gather meaningful public attendance at a Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection meeting that will be held in Greater Minnesota during the summer of 2018.</p> <p>The member will also participate in creating content for social media to enhance the Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection's Internet presence.</p>	September 2017-August 2018	<p>585</p> <p>1) 250</p> <p>2) 160</p> <p>3)175</p>