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MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD

June 8, 2017

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11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

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- III. A Year in the Life of a Commercial Beekeeper**
- IV. Pollinator Research and Needs in Minnesota**
- V. Adjourn**

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I. Introductions

II. Presentation of the State Agency Pollinator Report*

Presenter: Claudia Hochstein
Pollinator Coordinator
Environmental Quality Board

Issue before the board: Informational Item

Background: In August 2016, Governor Mark Dayton issued Executive Order 16-07: Directing Steps to Reverse Pollinator Decline and Restore Pollinator Health in Minnesota. The Executive Order tasked the Environmental Quality Board with establishing an Interagency Pollinator Protection Team responsible for developing statewide pollinator goals and metrics and reporting on the progress toward those goals as well as providing recommendations for pollinator policy, research needs, and budget items to the Environmental Quality Board.

III. A Year in the Life of a Commercial Beekeeper

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Facilitator: Charlie Petersen
Management Analysis and Development
Minnesota Management and Budget

Presenters: Dan Whitney
President
Minnesota Honey Producers Association

Mark Sundberg
President
Minnesota Honey Producers Association

Issue before the board: Informational item

Background: Mr. Whitney and Mr. Sundberg will take attendees through a year in their respective businesses, Dan's Honey Company and Sundberg Apiaries. They will discuss how large-scale commercial beekeeping operations work, protocol for controlling the varroa mite in bee hives, their experiences with pesticides used in crop protection and protecting their hives, and the need to get more pollinator habitat on the ground. They will take questions as they finish each month.

IV. Pollinator Research and Needs in Minnesota

Facilitator: Charlie Petersen
Management Analysis and Development
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Presenters: Wendy Caldwell
Program Coordinator
Monarch Joint Venture

Dr. Daniel Cariveau
Assistant Professor
University of Minnesota Bee Lab

Dr. Robert Koch
Assistant Professor and Extension Entomologist
University of Minnesota

Dr. Emilie Snell-Rood
Associate Professor
University of Minnesota

Dr. Marla Spivak
Distinguished McKnight University Professor of Apiculture/Social Insects

University of Minnesota Bee Lab

Moderated Discussion

Issues before the Board: Informational Item

Background: These five researchers from different areas of the University of Minnesota will discuss their current work and priorities for future research on issues that affect pollinators, ranging from monarch butterfly conservation to how agricultural landscapes and pesticides affect honey bees to integrated pest management for soybean pests.

V. Adjourn