MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 17, 2014 MPCA Room Board Room, 520 Lafayette Road N, St. Paul

EQB Members Present: Dave Frederickson, Kate Knuth, Mike Rothman, John Saxhaug, Erik Tomlinson, Charlie Zelle, Matt Massman, Kristen Eide-Tollefson, Tom Landwehr, Katie Clark-Sieben, Julie Goehring, Brian Napstad, Michelle Beeman, Dr. Ed Ehlinger, John Stine, Sandy Rummel (Met Council)

Staff Present: Will Seuffert (EQB), Megan Eischen (EQB), Caroline Magnuson (EQB), Heather Arends (EQB), Anna Henderson (EQB), Beth Tegdesch (MPCA for EQB)

Chair Dave Frederickson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

I. Adoption of Consent Agenda and Minutes

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda and approve the November meeting minutes was made and seconded.

II. Introductions

III. Chair's Report – No report

IV. Executive Director's Report

Will Seuffert, EQB Executive Director shared silica sand accomplishments as well as other 2014-2015 accomplishments. He gave a general overview of the budget and budget priorities and shared fiscal year 2015 projects and fiscal year 2016-17 opportunities.

V. Minnesota Environment and Energy Report Card Update

Presenter: Megan Eischen, Communications, EQB Staff

Todd Biewen, Assistant Division Director, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Steve Loomis, Planner Principal State, Minnesota Department of Commerce Andy Holdsworth, Data and Performance Management Supervisor, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Pursuant to Executive Order 11-32, interagency staff provided updates to the 2012 Minnesota Environment and Energy Report Card. EQB and interagency staff led a discussion with the Board on the updated metrics and discussed opportunities for communicating annual updates going forward.

Discussion followed.

Public testimony: Dan Gilchrist, Assistant Director of the U of M Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, invites the EQB Citizens' Board to attend and work with them on climate change mitigation convenings in greater Minnesota in 2015.

VI. CSEO Update

Presenter: Anna Henderson, Planner, EQB Staff

The goal of the CSEO work is to identify strategies that bend the curve. Anna provided an overview of the project and an update on the results and led a discussion with the Board.

VII. Adjourn

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