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EQB Announcements

Environmental Quality Board Meeting: August 12, 2020

We invite you to join the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) at their next Board meeting on August 12 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Environmental Quality Board (EQB or Board) meeting will convene its August Board meeting virtually through the WebEx platform. Instructions for connecting to WebEx are included on page six of the Board packet.

[Access Link to the August 12, 2020 EQB Meeting](#)

The meeting will address two informational objectives:

- Discuss introduction, goals, strategies, and actions of the 2020 State Water Plan
- Receive an update on the 404 assumption study

You can also view our full agenda on the [EQB Website](#).

Accessibility: This material can be provided in different forms, like large print, braille, or on a recording. Please contact EQB staff at least one week prior to the event at info.EQB@state.mn.us to arrange an accommodation.

Applications are currently open for Environmental Quality Board Member Positions in Congressional Districts 4 and 5

Applications are currently open for two Public Board Member positions: one each representing the public from Minnesota's Congressional Districts 4 and 5 (CD4 and CD5). [CD4](#) includes part of Washington County and most of Ramsey County, including Saint Paul; and [CD5](#) includes parts of Anoka and Hennepin Counties including Minneapolis. The positions are for a four-year term and are open until filled.

Serving on the [Environmental Quality Board](#) is a unique opportunity to shape environmental issues in Minnesota. Public members of the Board help bring the voices of Minnesotans from around the state into decision making, prompting our government to think in new ways about environmental challenges and solutions.

To apply, visit the [Minnesota Secretary of State's website](#).

Questions? Contact us:

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Citizen Petition

The following petition has been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW). The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of government to review the petition and decide on the need for an EAW.

Petition Title: Twedt Rome 34 Feedlot
Responsible Government Unit (RGU): Faribault County

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Norseman's Motorcycle Club Recreational Area

Comment Deadline: September 9, 2020

Project Description: The Norseman Motorcycle Club is proposing to utilize the Project Area for an off-highway recreational area within approximately 180 acres of land located in Wagner Township, Aitkin County. The recreational area will utilize existing interior logging trails and roads. No new trails are proposed. Copies of the EAW are available for review at the Aitkin Public Library and the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning Department. Comments on the EAW may be submitted in writing to the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning Department 307 2nd St NW, Room 219, Aitkin MN 56431 or by e-mail to aitkinpz@co.aitkin.mn.us, until September 9, 2020.

Link to Document: [https://www.co.aitkin.mn.us/departments/enviro-svcs/pdf-files/The Norseman Motorcycle Club EAW.pdf](https://www.co.aitkin.mn.us/departments/enviro-svcs/pdf-files/The%20Norseman%20Motorcycle%20Club%20EAW.pdf)

RGU: Aitkin County
RGU Contact: Terry Neff, 218-927-7342, tneff@co.aitkin.mn.us

Granite Works Redevelopment

Comment Deadline: September 9, 2020

Project Description: The City of Delano is working with two (2) private development groups for the proposed redevelopment of an industrial site. The site is planned to be rezoned for the construction of three (3) multi-family apartment buildings totaling an estimated 200 units. The housing will be constructed within a 17-acre site along the South Fork of the Crow River.

Link to Document: <http://www.delano.mn.us/whats-new/construction-projects/granite-works-redevelopment>

RGU: City of Delano
RGU Contact: Phil Kern, 763-972-0565, pkern@delano.mn.us

Adam Aggen Farms – Section 29

Comment Deadline: September 9, 2020

Project Description: Adam Aggen (Aggen Farms) proposes to expand its existing hog finishing feedlot from 720 Animal Units (AU) (2,400 hogs) to 1,440 AUs (4,800 hogs) in Section 29 of Summit Lake Township in Nobles County with the installation of one total confinement barn, one 16 x 24 foot office building and a stormwater infiltration basin.

Link to Document: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/projects-under-mpca-review>

RGU: Pollution Control Agency
RGU Contact: Kevin Kain, 651-757-2856, kevin.kain@state.mn.us

Environmental Impact Statement Need Decision

County Road 26 & County Road 63 Improvement Project

Project Description: Dakota County and the Cities of Inver Grove Heights and Eagan are proposing to expand approximately 2 miles of County Road (CR) 26 (Lone Oak Road in Eagan, 70th Street in Inver Grove Heights) from Trunk Highway (TH) 55 to TH 3 from an existing two-lane roadway rural section to a four-lane divided (urban) highway. The roadway will include turn lanes, improved stormwater management infrastructure, multi-use trails on both sides of the roadway, and access management of residential driveways and city streets. CR 63 (Argenta Trail) will be reconstructed from Amana Trail north to 65th Street and from 65th Street to old Argenta Trail (CR 63) to the north of CR 26. The County Road 63 construction will be on new alignment and include two lanes, stormwater infrastructure and trails on both sides of the roadway. A new roundabout will be constructed at CR 26 and the realigned CR 63.

Date of Determination: July 14, 2020

Determination: Negative (no EIS required)

Link to Document: No link to electronic copies of the documents was provided. For copies of the documents, see RGU contact information below.

RGU: Dakota County
RGU Contact: Mark Krebsbach, 952-891-7102, mark.krebsbach@co.dakota.mn.us

Alternative Urban Areawide Review Update

Interstate South Logistics Park AUAR Update

Comment Deadline: August 24, 2020

Project Description: The Interstate South Logistics Park AUAR study area is 175.8 acres located in the southwest corner of Dodd Boulevard and County Road 70 in the City of Lakeville, Dakota County, MN. As the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU), the City of Lakeville adopted the Interstate South Logistics Park Final AUAR and Mitigation Plan in June 2015. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 4410.3610, subpart 7, an AUAR and plan for mitigation must be revised every five years until all development in the study area has received final approval. Since the study area has not been fully developed, the purpose of this document is to update the Interstate South Logistics Park AUAR pursuant to Minnesota Rules. The City of Lakeville will accept written comments on the AUAR Update until 4:30 p.m. on August 24, 2020.

Link to Document: <https://www.lakevillemn.gov>

RGU: City of Lakeville

RGU Contact: David Olson, 952-985-4421, dolson@lakevillemn.gov

Notices

Legal Notice

A contested case hearing will be held at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, *In the Matter of the Public Waters Restoration Order Relating to Daniel DeCook* (OAH Docket No. 5-2002-36859). This action was initiated to determine whether cause exists for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to direct the restoration of Public Water Kittle Number M-034-082 pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 84.0895 and 103G.251. The hearing will begin on August 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., before Administrative Law Judge James Mortenson. The hearing is scheduled to last two days. Any questions concerning this notice may be directed to Christina Brown, Assistant Attorney General, at 651-757-1424 and christina.brown@ag.state.mn.us.

DNR proposes to return five watercourses to Public Waters Inventory

Comment Deadline: November 11, 2020

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking public comment on its proposal to correct errors in the Public Waters Inventory (PWI) by returning four watercourses in Renville County and one in Polk County to the PWI. The PWI identifies which waters are regulated by the DNR for the public's benefit.

The DNR has determined that these five watercourses have characteristics of a natural stream and meet the statutory definition of a public water as an altered or natural watercourse having a total drainage area greater than two square miles. As public waters, these watercourses have been and will remain subject to all applicable public waters regulations, regardless of whether they are included in the PWI. These watercourses are subject to regulation as public waters and should be identified on the PWI. Public water regulations include a requirement to secure public waters work permits for some activities within the watercourse and compliance with the buffer law.

In April of 2017, 640 miles of watercourses in 70 counties were removed from the PWI through a DNR Commissioner's Order. The changes were a result of the DNR buffer mapping project, which revealed that some watercourses were not clearly identified as public waters at the time of the original inventory. Part of the 2017 Commissioner's Order stated, "The DNR may review the subject watercourses for possible inclusion in the PWI in the future, subject to requisite public comment opportunity prior to any additions to the PWI."

Watercourse (Renville County)	Length (miles)	Location
Limbo Creek	7.1	Ericson Township sections 30 and 31. Sacred Heart Township section 6. Hawk Creek Township sections 1, 12, 11, 14, 15 and north ½ of 22.
Sacred Heart Creek	6.1	Sacred Heart Township, sections 1, 2, 12, 13, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36
Outlet of County Ditch 130	0.16	Beaver Falls Township, section 8
Unnamed Stream	1.0	Cairo Township, sections 31, 32

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Watercourse (Polk County)	Length	Location
Unnamed Creek to Sand Hill River (formerly county ditch 133)	2.1 miles	Sletten Township, sections 16, 21, 22

The DNR will accept written comments on this proposal until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday November 11, 2020. Written comments should be submitted to Public Waters Inventory Corrections, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4025, or PWireview.dnr@state.mn.us. Comments cannot be submitted by phone and will be accepted only via email or postal mail. Questions can be asked by email, postal mail or by calling 651-259-5654. The DNR will respond to comments as part of developing the decision document and order. The order will be mailed to all commenters, affected landowners and county officials. Public notification of the decision will also be made through media outlets.

Contact: Greg Husak, 507-351-9222, greg.husak@state.mn.us

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