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EQB Announcement

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.

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Citizen Petition - RGU Assignment

In the August 10, 2020 EQB Monitor, Faribault County was designated as the responsible governmental unit assigned to make the decision on the need for an EAW for the Twedt Rome 34 Feedlot petition. After Faribault County staff reviewed the information contained in the petition, they made a request to the EQB for reconsideration of the designation. Based on additional information, and in accordance with Minnesota Rules, chapter 4410.0500 Subp. 5, the EQB has determined the Pollution Control Agency is the appropriate governmental unit to decide the need for an EAW.

Petition Title: Twedt Rome 34 Feedlot

Responsible Government Unit (RGU): Pollution Control Agency

Environmental Assessment Worksheets

Abbott Northwestern Transportation Hub

Comment Deadline: September 16, 2020

Project Description: This EAW studies the proposed Abbott Northwestern Transportation Hub located at 2801, 2837 and 2855 Chicago Avenue in Minneapolis. Abbott Northwestern Hospital (ANW) is proposing to construct the Transportation Hub which will be located south of existing Ramp 6 near the intersection of Chicago Avenue and East 28th Street in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN. The Site is bound by Ramp 6 to the north, Chicago Avenue to the west, the Midtown Greenway to the south, and ANW's existing Tenth Avenue Facility to the east. The Transportation Hub project consists of the construction of an eight-level (approximately 1,420 parking stalls) parking structure, approximately 2,400 square feet of retail/office space, a 2-level vertical expansion of existing Ramp 6 (approximately 445 parking stalls), and possible interior improvements to the bicycle storage facility located adjacent to the existing Freewheel Bike space located at the Midtown Greenway. Copies of the EAW will be available for review at the downtown Minneapolis Central Library located at 300 Nicollet Mall. Notice will be published in the EQB Monitor on Monday, August 17, 2020. Public comments on the EAW must be made within the 30-day comment period, which ends at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2020. It is anticipated that the BIZ Committee at its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, or at a subsequent meeting, will receive a report and recommendation from City staff and consider the adequacy of this EAW and the need for an Environmental Impact Statement for this proposal. The City Council will act on the recommendation of this Committee at a subsequent meeting on Friday, October 16, 2020.

Link to Document: <http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/cped/planning/WCMSP-225619>

RGU: City of Minneapolis

RGU Contact: Hilary Dvorak, 612-673-2639, hilary.dvorak@minneapolismn.gov

Barrick Family Farms, LLP - Lockhart 25 (comment period extended)

Comment Deadline: September 18, 2020

Project Description: Barrick Family Farms proposes to construct a new feedlot consisting of two total confinement barns (gestation and farrowing) in Section 25 of Lockhart Township in Norman County. The fully constructed facility will consist of 3,741 Animal Units, below-ground concrete liquid manure storage, one animal mortality compost building, one stormwater infiltration basin, water well, and driveway.

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

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

RGU Contact: Kevin Kain, 651-757-2482, kevin.kain@state.mn.us

Buck Run

Comment Deadline: September 16, 2020

Project Description: Buck Run is a proposed 28 lot (minimum 2.5 acre lots) development in Section 10 Township 35 Range 26 Baldwin Township, Sherburne County. Phase 1 will consist of 15 lots and phase two is proposed to be 13 lots on a total of 80+/- acres. The land that is being developed is part of 160 contiguous acres owned by the same family and in the Shoreland Overlay District of Lake ID # 71005400 (a Natural Environment Lake). There are no immediate plans to develop the remaining 80 acres.

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

RGU: Sherburne County

RGU Contact: Mitch Glines, 763-765-4466, mitch.glines@co.sherburne.mn.us

Keene Creek Restoration Project

Comment Deadline: September 16, 2020

Project Description: The Keene Creek Restoration project will stabilize 1,500 linear feet of stream in Keene Creek Park in Hermantown, MN. This reach was manipulated in the past when gravel was mined and utilities were installed and was negatively impacted by the flood of 2012. After the 2012 flood, the stream ran against valley walls where erosion is occurring and many pools were filled. This project includes the remeandering of the stream in some areas, connecting the stream to the floodplain, and the installation of wood and boulders to provide habitat. Channel form will be restored, pool and riffle habitat will be created, the creek will be re-connected to the floodplain and native vegetation will be re-established in the riparian corridor. Restoring Keene Creek will have lasting beneficial effects on the health of this stream and on the greater watershed. Trails and bridges will remain in place. Public comments will be taken by email to ann.thompson@southstlouisswcd.org. Comments must be submitted prior to September 16th, 2020.

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

RGU: South St. Louis SWCD

RGU Contact: Ann Thompson, 218-723-4867, ann.thompson@southstlouisswcd.org

Waukon Dairy

Comment Deadline: September 16, 2020

Project Description: Riverview, LLP proposes to build a 10,500-animal unit Jersey dairy feedlot in Section 32, Waukon Township, in Norman County. Riverview, LLP will house the cows in a cross-ventilated, total confinement, free-stall barn and will use earthen basins with impermeable covers to collect and store the manure and wastewater. Riverview, LLP will transfer liquid manure to area farmers each fall for use as fertilizer on cropland following crop harvest. Comment period deadline: 9-16-20.

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

RGU: Pollution Control Agency

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