

# Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection

Thursday, July 20, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MnDOT Training Facility- 1900 County Rd I, Shoreview, MN 55126

## AGENDA

Activity	Time
1. Welcome, agenda review and introductions	9:00
2. Review and approval of meeting notes	9:10
3. Identify and discuss ideas for action for pollinator protection	9:20
BREAK	10:30
4. Continue discussion on actions	10:45
5. Public comment	11:45
LUNCH	12:00
6. Continue discussion on actions	12:30
7. Presentation from Vera Krischik, University of Minnesota professor	1:15
BREAK	2:00
8. Roadside habitat management <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Minnesota Department of Transportation</i></li></ul>	2:15
9. Next steps	2:45
ADJOURN	3:00
<b>THANK YOU!</b>	

County construction work will change how you access the MnDOT training facility from I-35W

If you are traveling north on Interstate 35W to the Shoreview Training and Conference Center, which is at 1900 County Road I West in Shoreview, you'll need to find an alternate route beginning Monday morning, June 26th. The ramp from northbound I-35W to Ramsey County Road I and the ramp from County Road I to northbound I-35W are closing for construction on County Road I just east of the interstate. The ramps will remain closed until early September.

One alternate route is to continue north on I-35w to County Road J and then back south on I-35W to reach County Road I.

The project includes construction of a roundabout at the ramp from I-35W northbound, Rice Creek Parkway and Old Highway 8 (which leads in to the Arden Hills Driver Services facility). The work also includes improved trail access, raised medians, new road shoulders and a new roadway between County Road H and County Road I on the east side of I-35W. Once the roundabout is completed, the ramp from County Road I to northbound I-35W will close permanently.

For more information please visit [www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/2017-construction-maintenance/county-road-irice-creek-parkway-roundabout](http://www.ramseycounty.us/residents/roads-transit/2017-construction-maintenance/county-road-irice-creek-parkway-roundabout).

**GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON POLLINATOR PROTECTION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 8, 2017  
Cargill Building- University of Minnesota  
1500 Gortner Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108**

**Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection Members present:** Erika Bailey-Johnson, Jim Calkins, Steve Ellis, Sarah Foltz Jordan, Lex Horan, Bob Koch, Dan MacSwain, Kevin Paap, Erin Rupp, Dan Schutte, Marla Spivak, Ted Suss, Brian Thalmann, Yao Yang

**I. Welcome, agenda review and introductions**

**II. Review and approval of meeting notes**

**III. Updates and Group Discussion**

Will Seuffert updated the Committee on the status of the MnDOT Roadside Task Force and asked the group who would be interested in serving on this task force. Dan MacSwain, Kevin Paap, Erin Rupp, and Brian Thalmann expressed interest. Tina Markeson will provide more information on this task force at the next Governor's Committee meeting on July 20.

Mr. Seuffert also explained that Governor Dayton has requested that the Committee develop recommendations by the end of the year. The Committee will discuss preliminary proposals at the July 20 meeting.

Each member of the Committee spent five minutes discussing their background and their definitions of success for the Governor's Committee. A common theme running through these visions for success was the desire for actionable and sustainable proposals.

**IV. Adjourn**

The Committee adjourned to tour the U of M Bee Lab before joining the Environmental Quality Board meeting in the afternoon.

**MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday June 8, 2017  
Cargill Building, University of Minnesota  
1500 Gortner Avenue, St. Paul**

**EQB Members Present:** Dave Frederickson, John Saxhaug, Charlie Zelle, Tom Landwehr, Julie Goehring, Dr. Ed Ehlinger, Gerald VanAmburg, Shawntera Hardy, John Linc Stine

**EQB Members Absent:** Adam Duininck, Matt Massman, Tom Moibi, Kristin Eide-Tollefson, Mike Rothman, Kate Knuth

**Staff Present:** Will Seuffert, Claudia Hochstein, Erik Dahl, Mark Riegel, Katie Pratt, Kristin Mroz-Risse

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

**II. Introductions**

**III. Presentation of the State Agency Pollinator Report**

Claudia Hochstein provided background information on the 2017 State Agency Pollinator Report and distributed copies to EQB members.

**IV. A Year in the Life of a Commercial Beekeeper**

Presenters: Dan Whitney and Mark Sundberg, Minnesota Honey Producers' Association

Dan Whitney and Mark Sundberg provided a photographic overview of a year in their respective honey businesses and discussed some of the challenges associated with commercial beekeeping. They answered questions from the EQB members and Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection members.

**V. Pollinator Research and Needs in Minnesota**

Presenters: Wendy Caldwell, Dan Cariveau, Bob Koch, Emilie Snell-Rood, and Marla Spivak from the University of Minnesota

Each presenter offered a brief overview of their research activities and their perspective on our state's greatest pollinator-related research needs. The panel then responded to questions posed from the EQB members, Governor's Committee on Pollinator Protection, and audience members.

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/)