

**MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 20, 2007  
G5, State Office Building**

**EQB Members Present:** Dana Badgerow, Jonathon Bloomberg, Julie Goehring, Gene Hugoson, Mark Holsten, Susan McCarville, Brad Moore, Dennis Wenzel, Glenn Wilson

**EQB Members Absent:** Randy Kramer, Dianne Mandernach, Dan McElroy, Lt. Gov. Carol Molnau

**Others Present:** Robert Roche

**EQB Staff Present:** Michael Sullivan, Gregg Downing, Jon Larsen, Princessa VanBuren, John Wells

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Hugoson.

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

Jonathon Bloomberg moved and Member McCarville seconded approval of the consent agenda and minutes of the July 19, 2007 EQB meeting. The motion was approved.

**II. Chair's Report**

The chair deferred comments to the report on the Subcommittee on Future EQB Directions.

**III. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Sullivan explained additional handouts. Mr. Sullivan mentioned that given the timeline for legislative proposals, EQB staff has submitted "placeholders" for whatever decisions the board makes related to recommendations by the Subcommittee on Future EQB Directions. Those placeholders are available for review by contacting Mr. Sullivan.

**IV. Legal Counsel Report**

Mr. Roche indicated that there are no legal issues being addressed at this time.

**V. Report of the Subcommittee on Future EQB Directions**

The chair provided background on the purpose of the Subcommittee on Future EQB Directions. The Subcommittee presented its preliminary recommendations for refocusing the Board in the areas of strategic planning, resolution of complex issues and

environmental review. The subcommittee seeks Board feedback and support for initiating outreach activities about the Board's recommended new directions.

**V. Phase 2 Amendments to the Environmental Review Program Rules; authorization to initiate the formal rulemaking process**

Mr. Downing reviewed the revised SONAR and rule language changes. The Board endorsed the revised SONAR, the Chair will sign the SONAR document and enter it into the rulemaking record. Staff will proceed into rulemaking with the version of the rule amendment text regarding cumulative potential effects as presented at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.