

Minutes from the Leech Lake River Watershed Policy Meeting
1:00 PM Tuesday April 22, 2025
Cass County Health and Human Services
400 Michigan Ave W., Walker, MN

Attendance: Chairman Lynn Goodrich, Hubbard SWCD Supervisor; Vice Chair Neal Gaalswyk, Cass County Commissioner (remote); Tom Kuschel, Cass SWCD Supervisor; Steve Keranen, Hubbard County Commissioner; Darren Mayers, BWSR; Jeff Hrubes, BWSR; Dana Gutzmann, Cass SWCD; Jakob Sorenson, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe; Jake Shaughnessy, Hubbard SWCD; Moriya Rufer, HEI; Jeff Woodford, Cass County (remote); Scott Wold, Cass County (remote); Phil Votruba, MPCA (remote) ; Mike Kelly, DNR (remote); Danika Derks, DNR (remote); Ryan Hughes, BWSR (remote); Mitch Brinks (remote)

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by Lynn Goodrich.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the agenda for discussion (any requests to be heard not on the proposed agenda are considered for inclusion at this time).
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda with addition of review of meeting minutes from last meeting. Motion made by Tom Kuschel, seconded by Steve Keranen.
Approved unanimously.
4. Approve meeting minutes from 12/19/2024 Policy Committee Meeting.
 - a. Motion to approve the meeting minutes from 12/19/2024. Motion made by Tom Kuschel, seconded by Steve Keranen. Approved unanimously.
5. Introductions of attendees from both policy and technical advisory committees.
6. BWSR present on requirements of 5-year assessment and optional plan updates.
7. Presentation on plan accomplishments and highlight specific projects.
8. Group discussion on most meaningful accomplishments, direction for next five years, and any new data or information available that should be considered.
9. Next combined policy and technical advisory committee to be planned for September/October 2025.
10. Chairperson Goodrich Adjourns the meeting at 2:45 PM.

