

**WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT  
TECHNICAL EVALUATION PANEL**

June 6, 2017

The public meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Heather Cunningham.

**Voting Members Present:** Heather Cunningham, Carlton County Zoning and Environmental Services; Laura Christensen, Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), David Demmer, Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR)

**Ex Officio Members Present:** Karola Dalen, Carlton County Zoning and Environmental Services; Mike Scott, DNR Conservation Officer; Patricia Fowler, MN DNR Hydrologist

**Others Present:** Will Bomier and JinYeene Nuemann, Carlton County Transportation; Ethan Harvey and Sam Cook, Bay West Engineering; Greg Prom, MN Power

Motion by Christensen, second by Demmer, to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting.

**Carlton County Transportation**

The WCA TEP introduced themselves to JinYeene Nuemann, new Carlton County engineer. Bomier provided information on 617016 Co Rd 102 and 617018 CSAH 10, both reviewed for the Local Road Bank. The WCA TEP approved with signatures.

**617017 Automba Township**

Bomier provided information on 617017 Brown Rd application for the Local Road Bank. The WCA TEP approved with signatures.

**617021 MN Power**

Presentation by Ethan Harvey, outlining the newly received wetland boundary application for several sites located on the reservoir in preparation for the upcoming project of raising the sill of the reservoir and dams by 2 feet. All sites will have temporary proposed wetland impacts except for Dam 6 site. There may be some private property involved. MN Power would like to have construction completed by fall 2017. Cunningham stated the wetland boundary application and the wetland impact applications will have a 15 notice of application period. Schedule a site visit next week. Invite Andy Chambers, Army Corps of Engineers. Demmer will not be available to attend a site visit that week.

**Public Waters Update**

Fowler explained that a portion of the Kettle River which flows in to Kettle Lake in Carlton County has recently been removed from the list of public waters of the state. She encouraged the county to keep it designated as county shoreland to ensure protections. Fowler summarized that the changes were related to procedural changes reflected the history of the waterway being ditched.

**Violations Update**

The TEP discussed current violations.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AM to complete a site visit. The next TEP meeting is June 11, 2017 at 10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karola Dalen  
Carlton County Zoning and Environmental Services Administrator