

Clean Water Council Agenda

Sunday, August 19, 2012

Chaska, Minnesota

The meeting is being held at the Best Western River Inn & Suites (1 River Bend Place, Chaska, MN – see directions attached). Members should check-in upon arrival. Reservations have been made for participants, and will be directly billed to the MPCA. (FYI: Attendees may plan to keep their cars parked in the hotel lot on Monday during the tour.)

Dinner and meeting to be held in the **Minnesota River Room** located straight through the lobby on the main floor, starting at 6 p.m.

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| 6:00-6:30 | Council dinner |
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| 6:30-6:45 | Convene Full Council & Steering Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comments/additions to the agenda• Approve 7-16-12 meeting minutes• Council introductions, updates and conflict of interest notifications |
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| 6:45-7:00 | Welcome to Carver County – Jim Ische, Chair, Carver County Board of Commissioners |
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| 7:00-7:50 | Budget and Outcomes Committee (BOC) Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on BOC budget recommendation process• Summary of comments received from represented organizations• Discuss process for September public comment period |
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| 7:50-8:00 | Review agenda for Monday / meeting adjournment – Scott Hoes |

Clean Water Council Field Tour – Monday, August 20

The purpose of this tour is for members to visit Carver County, seeing a variety of urban and rural water quality issues and mitigation techniques. Carver County is an innovative leader in water quality restoration and protection work in Minnesota.

Continental breakfast provided, starting at 6 a.m. From your room, take the elevator to the First Floor. (Front Desk & Minnesota River Room are on the Ground Floor.) *You do not need to check out.*

8:00 a.m. **Presentation on flood levy (Minnesota River Room) – Tim Wiebe, City of Chaska**

9:00 a.m. **Bus leaves from hotel parking lot**

Tour Sites *(see attached fact sheets on each site)*

1. **Streambank erosion and Carver & Bevens turbidity TMDL (9:25-9:55)**
 - Ø *ON BUS:* Tim Sundby, Carver County WMO. Tim will give a history on the Carver & Bevens Creek Turbidity TMDL.
 - Ø *ON SITE:* Norman Senjem, Zumbro Watershed Partnership. Norman will discuss the impacts of streambank erosion seen at this site on Bevens Creek, along with prevention and restoration needed to address it. The site is representative of erosion problems causing the Minnesota River and Lake Pepin turbidity impairments.
2. **Minnewashta Lake – Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) monitoring and inspections (10:25-10:50)**
 - Ø *ON BUS:* Eric Evenson, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD). Eric will talk about AIS issues and activities in the County, including partnerships with MCWD, DNR and involvement with citizens and County Board.
 - Ø *ON SITE:* Greg Aamodt & Tim Sunby, Carver County WMO. Greg and Tim will discuss AIS activities in Carver County, including monitoring, inspections, education, and partnerships. Ben will demonstrate a boat inspection. (Bathrooms available at this site)
3. **Lake Burandt Raingardens and ALUM treatment (11:20-11:50)**
 - Ø *ON BUS:* Greg Aamodt, Carver County WMO, will give history of Lake Burandt monitoring, impairment listing, TMDL process and findings, and necessary reductions.
 - Ø *ON SITE:* Tim Sundby, Carver County WMO; and Will Forbord, Carver County SWCD, will present on two of the practices to implement the TMDL and reduce nutrients in Burandt Lake: raingardens and an ALUM treatment.

Buffet Lunch at Pizza Ranch in Waconia. (11:55-12:40) (Note: *State that you're with the Clean Water Council group.*)

4. Sod Farm Wetland Restoration (drive by only)

Ø *ON BUS*: Mike Wanous, Carver County SWCD, will discuss this 85 acre permanent conservation easement that as enrolled in the Re-Invest in Minnesota Wetland Reserve Program (RIM/WRP). Wagener's Sod Farm will be converted to a wetland with a native grass upland buffer.

5. Watertown Stormwater Treatment Center (1:00-1:40)

Ø Andy Erickson and Kurt McIntire, Univ. of MN St. Anthony Falls Lab (SAFL); and Will Forbord, Carver County SWCD, will present on the research and implementation of ironing filings used in stormwater practices and the SAFL BAFFLE.

(Could make a bathroom stop at City Hall/Library)

6. Scott Hoese Farm (1:50-2:30)

Clean Water Council Member Scott Hoese and Zach Scott will present on the best management practices used at this farm and feedlot, including manure management, drainage, open tile intakes, and buffers.

3:00 p.m. Bus arrives back at hotel

Next Meeting: September 17, 2011

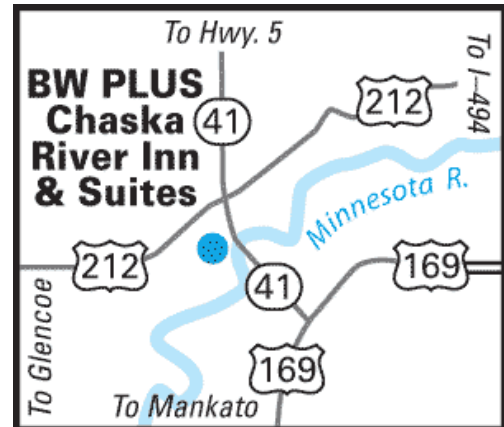


Hotel Information



BEST WESTERN PLUS Chaska River Inn & Suites

**1 River Bend Place,
Chaska, Minnesota, 55318-3302,
United States
Phone: 952-448-7877
Fax: 952-448-7290**



General Hotel Information:

Check-In: 3PM (15:00)

Check-Out: 11AM (11:00)

Hotel Ratings: AAA-3 Diamond

Pet Policy: Pets not accepted.

Hotel Amenities:

- 100% smoke-free hotel
- Complimentary deluxe continental breakfast
- Indoor pool Heated
- Free high-speed Internet access
- Underground heated parking available
- Complimentary newspaper
- Hot tub - Whirlpool

Guest Room Amenities:

- High-speed Internet access available in all guest rooms
- Safe available at front desk
- Cable satellite television
- Coffee/tea maker
- Dataports
- Desk/work area
- Refrigerator

Directions:

- From: Highway 494 west. Take Highway 212 west to County Road 41. Go south about mile and half to the BEST WESTERN PLUS Chaska River Inn & Suites in downtown Chaska on Street number 1.
- From: South. Take Highway 169 to County Road 41. Go north two miles toward the BEST WESTERN PLUS Chaska River Inn & Suites.
- From: Highway 5. Take Highway 169 to County Road 41. Go north two miles toward the BEST WESTERN PLUS Chaska River Inn & Suites.

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Clean Water Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 19, 2012
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Minnesota River Room
Best Western River Inn & Suites
1 River Bend Place, Chaska, MN

Council members present: Marilyn Bernhardson, Pam Blixt, Linda Bruemmer, Patrick Flowers, Warren Formo, Keith Hanson, John Harren, Scott Hoese, Frank Jewell, Mark Knoff, Gene Merriam, Michael McKay, Dave Leuthe, Rebecca Flood for Gaylen Reetz, Todd Renville, Victoria Reinhardt, Sandy Rummel, Deb Swackhamer, Rep. Paul Torkelson, Matthew Wohlman, Steve Woods.

Absent: Rep. Kent Eken, Bradley Kalk, Senator John Pederson, Gaylen Reetz, Louis Smith, Senator Dan Sparks.

1. Convene Full Council & Steering Team Report

- Comments/additions to the agenda
- Approve 7/16/12 meeting minutes
- Council introductions, updates and conflict of interest notifications
- Chair Hanson called the meeting to order. Jeff Risberg reviewed the meeting folder for the Sunday meeting and Monday's Council tour. There were no changes to the agenda.
- Motion to approve the 7/16/12 meeting minutes from Victoria Reinhardt, seconded by John Harren. Motion passed.
- Council member introductions and conflict of interest announcements. There were no conflict of interest notifications from any of the Council members. Audience introductions.

2. Welcome to Carver County – Jim Ische, Chair, Carver County Board of Commissioners

- Vice Chair Hoese introduced guest speaker Jim Ische, Chair of the Carver County Board of Commissioners.
- Commissioner Ische presented some background information on Carver County and some of the history of the county.
- Question: What percent of the county is in agriculture? About 80%.

3. Budget and Outcomes Committee (BOC) Report

- Update on BOC budget recommendation process
- Summary of comments received from represented organizations
- Discuss process for September public comment period
- ***BOC Recommendations for revising the timeline*** handout – public comments will be available at the end of September, which leaves only about a two week period to summarize and review the comments before the October meeting. A new revenue projection will be available in late November. There is a lot to do to get to a final budget number for the October 15th Council meeting. The question is, should we seek an extension for the Council's report from December 1st to January 15th and should we make that a permanent change? This would eliminate the need to do an addendum to the budget as we've done in the past.

- Rep. Torkelson was asked if that would be a problem for the Legislature. Rep. Torkelson said it doesn't pose a problem for the Legislature.
- Rebecca Flood gave an overview of last Friday's BOC discussion with the agencies. The BOC started its process in April. The agencies just recently got some budget information from MN Management and Budget (MMB). The BOC would like to see us refine and improve our process so they sync together better.
- Chair Hanson – we need a lot of the Council's time in September, October and November. We still need to resolve some budget issues. We would like to have adequate time.
- Rep. Torkelson – the recommendations need to be Council driven, not just the agencies recommendations. It's important that the recommendations come from the Council.
- Deb – proposal to change the time frame has two advantages;
 1. New budget forecast
 2. Time to review stakeholder comments
- Victoria – we're required to do this by a certain date. We can agree to seek more time in the future, but we don't have that option this time. We want to be part of the Governor's process. Adjustments are made when new forecast comes out. They are just recommendations. We will take input and will change it. She agrees with what you're trying to do, but it won't work this year.
- Mike – we can control our time. We've had the discussion, take a vote. It's important that we give the discussion enough time so that it does become the Council's recommendations.
- Vice Chair Hoese said to ask for a month delay wouldn't cause a problem, and he agrees with Keith.
- Deb's suggestion for the process was to write a letter to the chairs of the environment committees and let them know we'll be submitting our recommendations on January 15th.
- Rep. Torkelson – the question is the Governor's office and having input on the Governor's budget. Marilyn – if the Governor develops the Clean Water budget and we submit nothing, then what happens? We want to have some input on the Governor's budget.
- Victoria said we can't not obey the statute. She doesn't disagree with wanting more time. The Association of Minnesota Counties will give their recommendations for the Governor's budget. State agencies will too. There's a reason they put that date in there. We're shortchanging ourselves if we're not part of the Governor's consideration.
- Chair Hanson – when the December 1st deadline was established there was no Clean Water Fund (CWF). The second time we did a budget and supplemental we had the CWF. Whether we proceed with the changes this year, he'd like the Council to make a recommendation for a revision in the process. Is it common for legislative reports to be late?
- Gene – the due dates for filing reports were too often breached when he was in the Senate. When a Senator or Representative looked for a report, it wasn't always available. Victoria raised a good point that was overlooked. The Governor has to get the budget to the Legislature by the third week in January. So even December 1st is getting late. The later you wait, the less opportunities for input you have.
- Jeff – let's hear from the agencies on how the Council can have input. Steve – we hear what's going on from the Council and others and that has input. Victoria – if we wait until January, we will have no input on Governor's process. Dave – what the agencies have been submitting will be part of Governor's process. Rebecca – how does that impact how you deal with public comments? Won't that influence your schedule?

- Deb moves that we adopt the concepts of revising the timeline outlined in your two page handout. We plan on changing the timeline for the report with delivery to the Governor in early January.
- Chair Hanson seconded the motion. Victoria votes against the motion. She cannot vote for a motion that violates state law.
- Pam offered a compromise to send the Council's draft recommendations to the Governor's office by December 1st. We could potentially extend the time period and still get our recommendations to the Governor's office. Somehow allow for more time for consideration of stakeholder comments.
- Marilyn – could we submit the budget only and not the final report? Frank – if we are always having a time crunch, why not move the timeline back?
- Chair Hanson – there was not enough time in the past for a public comment period. The BOC needs to issue a "lessons learned" piece. He would change the budget timeline in future and have only one public stakeholder period.
- Deb – use the September meeting to have a full Council discussion of the budget and the October meeting for discussing public comments. October meeting get a verbal agreement from the Council by the end of the meeting. November meeting have the draft report and approve draft report. Draft report with cover letter is then sent to the Governor and Legislature explaining that a final report will be done by late December. December meeting make changes based on the new budget forecast. Vote on the final report at the December meeting. Deb amends her motion to follow that schedule. Frank Jewell seconded the motion.
- Chair Hanson – we could shorten the public comment period from 30 days to 21.
- Frank – those are two separate pieces. This piece is different than changing the date. Try this out (draft report) and see how it works. Rebecca supports the lessons learned idea. It makes sense to move forward this year and then do some process improvement in the future.
- Motion was carried on a voice vote.
- Vice Chair Hoese asked if we want to change the December 17th meeting.
- Victoria – if the forecast changes, we've already submitted the December 1st draft report. We can assume the BOC will be making recommendations once the forecast comes out so on December 17th there would be draft changes to incorporate into the final report.
- Deb – if the Council approves the November recommendations and a new forecast comes out, the BOC could have a conference call to sort that out, or the Council could make a decision. Victoria: That makes sense to her.
- Chair Hanson – the BOC will be a committee of the whole in September, October and November.
- Jeff went over the public comment process on back page of BOC handout. 3 key questions, examples. Any other comments on the process or other questions? Can groups still submit letters? Jeff – yes.
- Steve - MPR had a deal for people to come in and balance the budget. Try out that idea. Keep it at pie chart level.
- Frank – we should encourage people to use the web. Marilyn – we want to compare comments, which is easier to do if they are submitted via the web.

- Patrick - can they attach a letter to the comment area on the web? Jeff will work with public information staff to find out more.
- Jeff – we all need to encourage participation, public outreach. Council members can get the information to the various levels in their organizations. Interested parties list, press releases, state register, Facebook, social media, newsletters (Waterfront Bulletin).
- Steve – Lessard-Sams gets picked up by outdoor journalists. We should have the Council Chair Hanson available for interviews by journalists.
- Mike - most Council members have mailing lists. We need a clean statement on our mission, describing CWC on whatever is sent out. People confuse the Clean Water Council with Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, others.
- Gene – this public comment period is at the end of the process. This should be done earlier in the process. Victoria – we're different from Lessard-Sams. We need to get input from the agencies first. Warren – Lessard-Sams also makes recommendations to the Legislature, but a little different when recommending projects.
- Sandy – maybe do a web site early in the process next time. Ask for priorities. Vice Chair Hoese – Council members represent the public too. Warren – add language asking them for future options for 2015.
- Jeff – there is an interagency team on communications and we can work with them to get word out. Also we will work with the public information staff on the web page.
- Victoria – public comments we've received so far, very impressed with the level of response. Chair Hanson – the comments tell you where the issues are.

4. Review agenda for Monday / meeting adjournment – Scott Hoese

- Vice Chair Hoese went over Monday's schedule. We will start at 8:00 a.m. with a presentation from Tim Wiebe, City of Chaska. We will leave on the bus at 9:00 a.m. Breakfast begins at 6:30 a.m.
- Meeting adjourned.

Monday morning August 20, 2012;

8:00 a.m. Presentation on flood levy (Minnesota River Room) – Tim Wiebe, City of Chaska

9:00 a.m. Bus leaves from hotel parking lot

- Vice chair Scott Hoese introduces Tim Wiebe, from the City of Chaska. Tim Wiebe gave a presentation on the flood levy system for the city of Chaska built in 1996. There are two diversion channels.
- Lake Minnewashta - question for the DNR; how can a conscientious boat owner be proactive and get his boat cleaned before going to the lake? Tell the DNR that questions were asked about how boat owners can get information on certified, private boat cleaners or locations of boat cleaning sites (DNR).
- Burandt Lake; Greg Aamodt – we hope to delist Burandt in 10 years. We used alum treatment.
- Rep. Torkelson – are there rough fish in the lake? Greg – it is a pan fish dominant lake. That's what you want for alum treatment. They go after young rough fish.
- Greg – funding \$230,000 grant; \$230,000 local match. Clean water story on BWSR's web site. Rain gardens in Waconia.
- Tour ends at 3:00 p.m.

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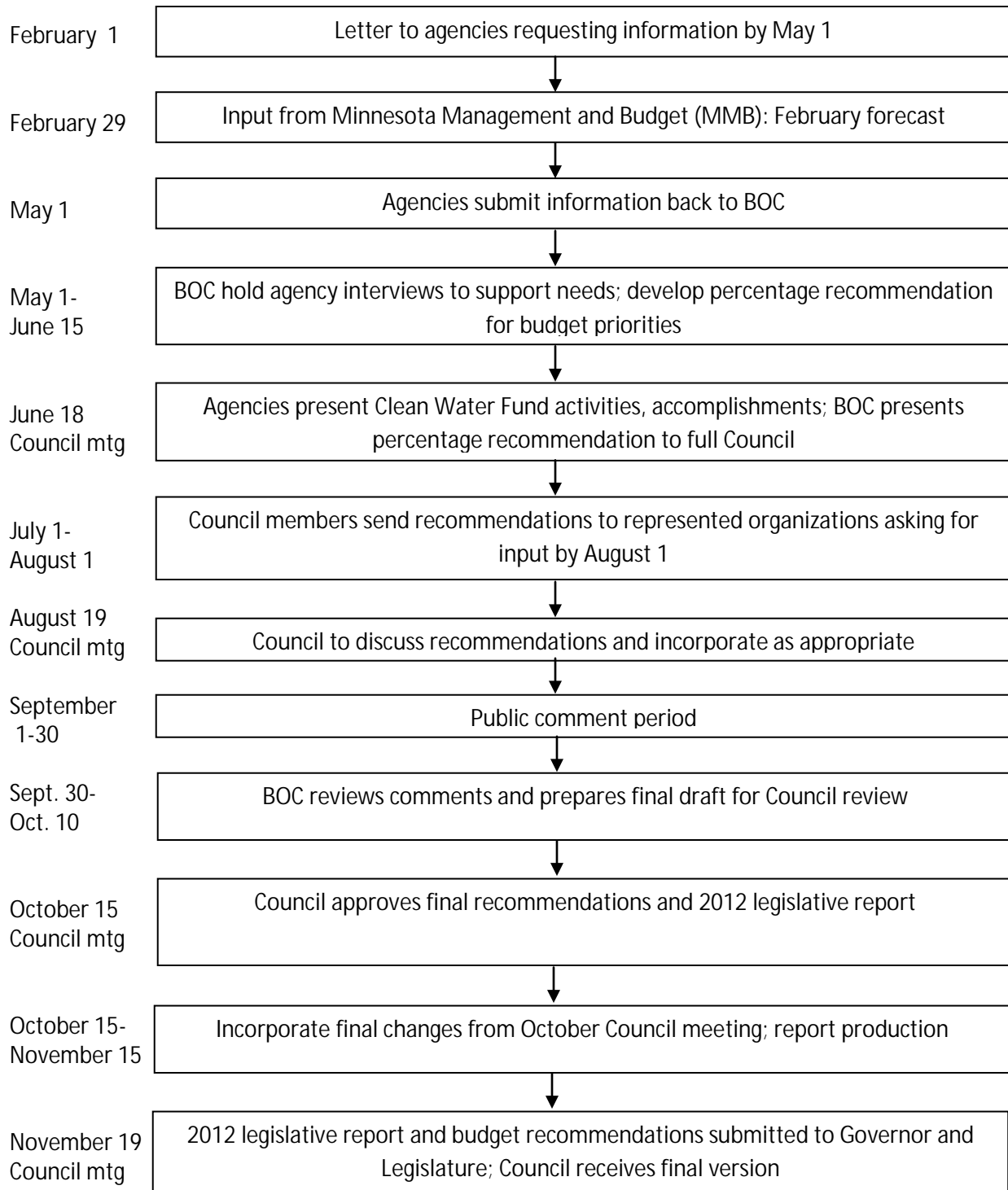
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Next Meeting: September 17, 2012
Location: MPCA Board Room, St. Paul, MN

Clean Water Council

Advising the Legislature and the Governor on state programs to restore and protect Minnesota's waters.

2012 Budget Recommendation Process



CWC Steering Committee Agenda

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Minnesota Room, Best Western River Inn & Suites

1 River Bend Place, Chaska, MN

1. Follow-up from August meeting
2. September public comment period
3. Next BOC meeting – 9/7
4. DRAFT September 17, 2012 meeting agenda – *(meeting in the MPCA Board Room)*

9:00-9:15 Convene Full Council

- Comments/additions to the agenda
- Approve 8/19/12 meeting minutes
- Council introductions, updates and conflict of interest notifications
- Welcome new members?

9:15-9:30 Steering Team Report

9:30-10:00 BOC Update / discussion

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-12:00

12:00-12:30 Lunch

12:30-1:30 Water Governance Project update *(Suzanne said she can come back to the Council in September or October with an update)*
Suzanne Rhees, John Linc Stine (MPCA)

1:30-2:00

2:00 October meeting agenda / adjournment

2:30~3:00 Council Steering Team

Next Meeting: October 15, 2012