



**LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER
WATERSHED DISTRICT**

**Citizen Advisory Committee
Special Session: Approach
to Agricultural Drainage**

March 3 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Carver County Government Center (In-Person)

RSVPs received:

Attendance

Members				
Greg Genz		Holley Wlodarczyk	Jay Hoekstra	-
Patty Thomsen		Kathryn Zebrev	Kati Johngrass	
Kyle Bakkum		Lee Peterson	Meah Vogel	

Guest Speakers				
Matt Drewitz, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency		Carly Griffith, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy	Jay Eidsness, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy	
Staff				
Suzy Lindberg				

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of the March Agenda
3. **Special Session Kick-Off: Introductions (5 min.)**
 - a. Roundtable introductions: who are you? How do you engage with Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) and the Minnesota River? What are you hoping to learn today?
4. **Special Session: Agricultural Drainage (1 hr. 45 min.)**
 Learn about two approaches to addressing agricultural drainage Impacts to the Minnesota River and considerations for the Watershed Management Plan (WMP) update
 - a. **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Approach (Matt Drewitz) 45 min.**
 - **Presentation:** Overview of Nutrient Reduction Strategy:
 - Frame the issue of agricultural drainage.
 - What is the nutrient reduction strategy and how does it affect LMRWD? Explore these solutions and considerations for the WMP.
 - **Discussion:** CAC submit questions in advance; Matt will respond.
 - b. **Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy (MCEA) Approach (Carly Griffith) 1hr (45 min. + discussion time)**
 - **Presentation:** Overview of MCEA Policy Recommendations.

- What is the MCEA policy strategy and how does it affect the LMRWD? Explore these solutions and considerations for the WMP.
- **Discussion:** CAC submit questions in advance; Carly and Jay will respond.

c. Special Session Close: Consider next steps?

- **CAC Homework:**

- What did you hear this evening? How does this affect the Minnesota River?
- What do the approaches agree on – where is there consensus?
- Where do the approaches differ and how can we move forward?
- What information do you still need?
- How can we take this information into plan advising?

5. Standard Business (10 min.)

- a. **Bylaws Update:** Updated bylaws will be provided to CAC members to review. The CAC will vote to adopt the new bylaws at the April CAC meeting.
- b. **Officer Update:** Chair Transition
- c. **CAC Invitations:** Downstream Community CAC Invitation

6. Adjournment

- a. Document key decisions or action items:

- b. Document recommendations or communications to Board of Managers

Please RSVP to confirm a quorum