



Minnesota Senate

Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy

Minnesota Senate Building 1150

Thursday, April 3rd, 2025

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Agenda

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1. Call to Order

2. SF 2077 (Hawj) Environment and natural resources appropriations and provisions modifications

- *Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources*
- *Tom Johnson, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency*
- *Andrew Morley, Director, Environmental Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce*

3. SF 2547 (Hawj) Environment and natural resources trust fund community grant program grants appropriation

- *Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner Department of Natural Resources*
- *Mike Harley, Executive Director, Environmental Initiative*
- *James Trice, Founder & CEO, Public Policy Project*

4. SF 3015 (McEwen) Water availability atlas development appropriation and siting methodology

- *Katie Smith, Ecological and Water Resources Division Director, Department of Natural Resources*
- *Dr. Carrie Jennings, Research and Policy Director, Freshwater*

5. SF 593 (Hauschild) - St. Louis County and City of Duluth all-terrain vehicle trails and studies appropriations

- *Paul McDonald (REMOTE)*
- *Susan Schubert, Minnesota Public Lands Coalition (REMOTE)*
- *Willis Mattison, Professional Ecologist, Izaak Walton League of America (REMOTE)*

6. SF 594 (Hauschild) - St. Louis County all-terrain vehicle trails appropriation

- *Nick Wognum, Prospector Loop ATV & ATV Minnesota*
- *Bruce Beste*

7. SF 2258 (Kunesch) - Provisions to petition for preparation of environmental assessment worksheets modifications

- *Catherine Neuschler, Environmental Quality Board Ex. Dir.*

8. SF 1247 (Kunesh) Pesticide provisions modification to protect wild rice waters

- Eugene Sommers - District 2 Representative White Earth Nation (**REMOTE**)
- Leanna Goose, Rise and Repair Alliance Co-Facilitator and Organizer
- Evan Mulholland, Program Director, MCEA
- Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner, DNR
- Steve Morse, MN Environmental Partnership
- Rev. Susie Hayward, Minister of Justice and Formation, Creekside UCC
- David Toutloff - Elder of the Bois Forte Band
- Patty O'Keefe, Community Member
- Annette Drewes, Wild Rice Connections
- Joshua Preston, R.I.S.E. Coalition
- Alison (Doe) Hoyer, Student, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
- Gina Peltier
- Thomas Houle
- David Toutloff, Elder of the Bois Forte Band (**REMOTE**)
- Dawn Goodwin (**REMOTE**)

9. Adjourn