

Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts -- Resolutions/Board Actions 2002-2013

2002 Resolutions/2003 Legislative Session

1. Red River Basin CREP
2. LCMR Representation
3. Stormwater Management Plan Updates
4. Recovery of Permit Fees
5. Wetland LGU Oversight
6. BWSR Integrated Water Planning
7. Watershed District Boundary Signage
8. Minnesota Watershed Research Program
9. DNR Protected Watercourses
10. Delay BWSR Integrated Water Planning Proposed Statutory Amendments
11. MnDot "Technical Advisory Group" Report to the Legislature (WD Permitting Authority)

Wild Rice WD
 Red Lake WD
 Minnehaha Creek WD
 Sauk River WD
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 Ransey-Washington Metro WI
 Two Rivers WD
 MAWD Board
 MAWD Board

In process for 2004 session
 Letters sent
 No action
 No action
 No legislation proposed
 No legislation proposed
 No legislative action
 WI Committee established to pursue
 Work with Red River Flood Reduction Work Group
 Legislation delayed
 Compromise legislation passed.

Action on Standing Resolutions

1. Lazarus Creek Project
2. Flood Damage Reduction Projects
3. Assumption Creek watershed seminary fen acquisition & restoration
4. Ring Dike funding
5. Funding for RR mediation program
6. Clearwater River - authority to charge for sewer services

Passed and signed into law. \$1.5 million.
 \$2.0 million - RRV mediation projects, \$1.4 million Warren & Hay Creek
 \$1.5 million funding passed
 Ring Dike funding - \$125,000 per year
 \$210,000 funding for RR mediation program
 Passed & signed into law

2003 Resolutions/2004 Session

1. Eliminate Administrative Levy cap of \$250,000 for Sauk River WD
2. Buffer Strip Program - allow annual harvesting of enrolled acres
3. Enforcement of Cease & Desist Orders for 10 day period
4. Allow entrance to lands to authorized WD agents for surveys, investigations, etc.
5. Support Governor's Clean Water Initiative
6. Allow civil penalties for violation of WD permit requirements and rules
7. Delegations of WD managers cease & desist authority to district staff
8. Allows MNDot to enter into specific agreements to provide for maintenance of ponds, buffers
9. Reinstate Problem Beaver Control Program
10. WD Permit authority for DNR construction projects
1. Amend Conflict of Interest Statute to include watershed districts
2. Support for 2004 CREP funding

Sauk River WD
 Clearwater River WD
 Cormorant Lakes WD
 Cormorant Lakes WD
 Minnehaha Creek WD
 Minnehaha Creek WD
 Minnehaha Creek WD
 Minnehaha Creek WD
 North Fork Crow River WD
 Lac qui Parle WD
 Prior Lake-Spring Lake WD
 Board of Directors

In both Taxes Bills, never conferred
 No legislative action required, discussions only
 No action
 No action per Board of Directors
 Governor not supportive of funding recommendation, minor action
 No action - DNR civil penalties bill failed
 No action
 No action
 Bill introduced, no hearings
 Failed in Senate Environmental Policy
 Bill passed & signed into law
 In both bonding bills, never conferred

13. Define local benefits within MS 473.5111
14. Managers Per Diem increase to up to \$75 per day

2004 Resolutions/2005 Session

Standing Resolutions

1. Managers Per Diem increase to \$75 per day maximum
2. Expand Administrative Levy cap for Sauk River WD
3. Entrance onto private lands for WD agents
4. Clean water initiative - Impaired waters program
5. Flood Hazard Mitigation funding
6. Ring Dike funding
7. Red River Valley Mediation funding
8. Support For CREP Funding
9. Reinstate Problem Beaver Program

2004 Resolutions

1. Increase Survey & Data Acquisition Fund
2. Recovery of Permit Fees for State Agencies

2005 Resolutions/2006 Session

Standing Resolutions

1. Clean Water Legacy Legislation - Policy & Funding
2. Red River Flood Hazard Reduction Bond Funding
3. CREP Funding

2005 Resolutions

1. FEMA Rules change for acquired flood prone property
2. Collection of past due ditch taxes from DNR

2006 Resolutions/2007 Session

Standing Resolutions

1. Clean Water Legacy Funding

2006 Resolutions

1. Compensation for Past Managers Involved in Litigation
2. Permitting Rule Violation Penalty
3. Watershed Termination Statute Changes

2007 Resolutions/2008 Session

Capital Region WD
Roseau River WD

Not pursued per Capital Region WD
House bill introduced, no action in Senate
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Roseau River WD
Sauk River WD

Bill passed and signed into law -- effective August 1, 2005
Passed in Finance Authority Bill

Comorant Lakes WD

Passed Senate, but removed on House floor. Did not pass.

Minnehaha Creek WD

Passed Senate with funding in Taxes bill - Funding not agreed to in House.

Red River WDs & Red Board

Passed in bonding bill

Red River WDs & Red Board

Passed in Environment Finance bill

Red River WDs & Red Board

Passed in Environment Finance bill

Board of Directors

Bill passed and signed into law.

North Fork Crow River WD

Funding passed in Environment Finance bill

Pelican River WD

No action.

Sauk River WD

No action

Minnehaha Creek WD

Policy language and \$24.5 million in one time funding passed

Red River WDs & Red Board

Funding passed

Board of Directors

No increased funding in bonding bill.

Wild Rice WD

No action

Red Lake WD

DNR promulgating Con Con Rules

\$54 million allocated for biennium.

Buffalo-Red Rive WD

No action

Wild Rice WD

Working on APO authority for WDs. No final action.

ADA

Passed as part of the Water Management Oversight legislation.

Standing Resolutions

- 1. Clean Water Legacy
- 2. Flood Hazard Mitigation
- 3. Ring Dikes
- 4. RIM Funding

2007 Resolutions

- 1. Fifteen percent increase in general fund levy for TMDL implementation.
- 2. Designation as a metro watershed district.
- 3. Lake improvement project facilitation amendment.
- 4. River Basin Approach for Water Management, Planning, Implementation - MN River Basin
- 5. Minnehaha Glen Bond Request
- 6. Delegations of General Permit of the DNR, Div. of Fisheries to WDs
- 7. Corrective Action Enforcement Amendment
- 8. State & Local Government Authority for Clean Water Protection in MN

2008 Resolutions/2009 Session

Standing Resolutions

- 1. Flood Hazard Mitigation
- 2. Ring Dikes

2008 Resolutions

- 1. Expand Buffer Initiative Programs in MN
- 2. Oppose Watershed District Budget Approval By Counties
- 3. Amendment To WCA
- 4. Clean Water Council Recommends Funding for CWL Program
- 5. MAWD Support Adequate Funding for BWSR & SWCDs

2009 Resolutions/2010 Session

Standing Resolutions

- 1. Flood Hazard Mitigation
- 2. Ring Dikes Support

2009 Resolutions

- 1. WD Permits required for State Agencies
- 2. General Fund Levy Limit
- 3. Increase limit of District Funds contributed to a Board Project
- 4. Increase limit of Funds WD are allowed to Borrow
- 5. Waiver of Permit Fees for Treatment of IAS
- 5. Elimination of Riparian Consent For Treatment of IAS
- 7. Increased Statewide Efforts to Control the Spread of AIS

Defensive
 Bonding Bill - \$34 million
 Defensive
 Bonding bill

Clearwater River WD
 Confort Lake Forest Lake WD
 Nine Mile Creek WD
 Lower MN River WD
 Minnehaha Creek WD
 Minnehaha Creek WD
 Minnehaha Creek WD
 Board of Directors

No action
 Passed in Taxes bill
 Bill drafted
 Lanning bill received several hearings in House
 Passed in Bonding Bill
 No action.
 No action.
 No action.

\$53.8 million in bonding bill.
 \$125,000 per year allocated.

Wild Rice WD
 MAWD Board
 Lower MN River WD
 MAWD Board
 Wild Rice WD

New funding provided in Clean Water funding
 Floor amendments in House and Senate voted down.
 No action.
 Large percentage of funding recommendations adopted.
 Worked with BWSR to ensure adequate funding.

\$10 Million in RIM bonding bill ... 2010 Speical Session
 no action

Two Rivers WD
 Bois de Sioux Wd
 Bois de Sioux wd
 Bois de Sioux WD
 Pelican River WD
 Pelican River WD
 Middle Fork Crow River WD

Bill introduced. No action
 Deferred
 No action
 Increased limit to \$2 million
 Worked out through DNR rules process and legislation in 2011.
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 Additional funding allocated in 2011.

8. Additional Research on the Spread, Impact, and Control of AIS
9. Controlling the Spread of Exotic Invasive Species
10. Providing tax incentives for Environ. Protective Construction Enhancements
11. Pesticide Use In Stormwater Ponds

Pelican River WD
 Minnehaha Creek WD
 Minnehaha Creek WD
 Minnehaha Creek WD

No action, hold till funding year.
 Governor's bill introduced and passed to invest increased funding.
 No action.
 Met with MN Dept. of Agriculture to discuss & develop strategy.

2010 Resolutions/2011 Session

Flood Hazard Mitigation

Bond Funding

RIM funding

2011 Resolutions

1. Replacement of Non-Conforming Shoreland Uses
2. Eliminate Mitigation for Ring Dikes or Water Retention Projects
3. Requirements for Identification Implementation of Water Retention Projects on State and Federal Lands
4. Add a Re-determination of Benefits Provision to Chapter 103D
5. Allow Local Governments to Capture Revenues from Civil Penalties Related to Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
6. Allow Watershed District Orders to be Recorded as Deed Restrictions
7. Public Drainage Systems Transferred to Watershed Districts, Clarification of Obligations and Authorities, Sauk River WD
8. Procedure for Conservation Land Sales to Local Government
9. Category 4b Designation for Impaired Waters in Minnesota
10. Require Revision of Aquatic Plant Management Rules to Facilitate control of AIS

Standing Resolution
 Standing resolution

\$50 million in session Capital Investment Bill
 \$20 million in Capital Investment Bill

Clearwater River WD
 Wild Rice WD

No action.
 Discussed as part of environment finance bill

Wild Rice WD
 Wild Rice WD

No action taken.
 No action taken.

Minnehaha Creek WD
 Minnehaha Creek WD

No action taken.
 No action taken.

Sauk River WD
 Board (Brown's Creek WD)
 Board
 Board (Pelican River WD)

Sent to Drainage Work Group for recommendation.
 No action.
 Amendment offered, met with EPA staff, SWWD pursuing with MPCA
 Addressed thru policy legislation in session.

2011 Resolutions/2012 Session

1. Increase Limit of Funds to be contributed to a project by Board Resolution
2. General Fund Levy Limit increase - Bois de Sioux WD
3. Increase penalties for possessing, transporting, or introducing AIS to Water Body Pelican River WD
4. Reassigning DNR Permitting responsibilities for control of AIS
5. Emergent Contaminants in Minnesota
6. Natural Reproduction of Asian Carp ...address before the Asian Carp reach MN

Bois de Sioux
 Bois de Sioux
 Pelican River WD
 Sauk River WD
 Lower MN River WD

Legal and Legislative Review
 No action.
 Done
 Done
 No action
 AIS Workshop - Done

2012 Resolutions/2013 Session

1. Ban on the use of coal-tar sealants.
2. Authority for Development of Comprehensive Water Manage Plan and Consrv Drainage

Minnehaha Creek WD
 MAWD BOD

Passed
 Send to Drainage Work Group

2013 Resolutions/2014 Session

1. Support Funding for Engineer Study on Floodwater Retention Pond (\$500,000)
2. WD Eligibility under COE's Regional General Permit
3. Restore Consistency and Prediciability to WCA & CWA Exempted Activities
4. Consolidate Watershed Boundary Correction
5. Statutory Correction on WD Funds
6. Authorize WD manager participation in meetings via conferenc all/other electronic
7. Amend Water appropriation law to remove water quality projects
8. Support Sales tax exemption for WDs

Lac qui Parle-Yellow Band WD
 Rice Creek WD
 Rice Creek WD
 Sauk River WD
 Sauk River WD
 Metro MAWD
 Minnehaha Creek WD
 MAWD BOD

Bill Introduced, no action
 No action .. Send letter
 No action .. Work with BWSR
 Submit to statutory review process
 Submit to statutory review process
 No action
 Passed in Environment Bill
 Passed in Taxes Bill

2014 Resolutions/2015 Session

1. Repair of Flood Damage in the Prior Lake Outlet Channel
2. Common Carp Mangement, Research, and Removal
3. Development, Adoption and Communication of MAWD Legislative Agenda
4. Leasing Lands Purchased with State General Obligation Bonds
5. Watershed District Appointments to BWSR

Prior Lake-Spring Lake WD
 Prior Lake-Spring Lake WD
 Capital Region WD
 Bois de Sioux WD
 Bois de Sioux WD

Passed in Bonding Bill
 Met with DNR to discuss process & resolve.
 Done
 Passed in bonding bill
 No action

2015 Resolutions/2016 Session

1. Encourage DNR to Permit Storing Water on DNR Land
2. Road Raises for Cities with Levees
3. Increase Manager's Per Diem
4. Watershed District Input on MN DNR Buffer Protection Map
5. Improvements in Process with Permitting Authorities for Water Quality Improvement Project
6. Establishment of Minnesota River Basin Commission
7. Review Commitment to Clean Water Council Recommendations
8. Protect the Integretary of Clean Water Council Appointments
9. Proposed Changes to the 2015 Buffers Law

Wild Rice WD
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 Clearwater River WD
 Clearwater River WD
 Lower MN River WD
 Board
 Board
 Board

No Action
 No Action
 No Action
 DNR worked with WD's -- were part of process
 No Action
 Legislative bills introduced & heard. Did not pass.
 Board adopted LGWR 1WS1Plan funding recs
 No action
 Buffer clarifying leg proposed & adopted

The MAWD BOD sets the legislative agenda before the session for action by the MAWD Cooridinator and Watershed Districts.