I. Call to Order
Chair Jake Gillen called the Agriculture and Rural Development Advisory Committee to order at 5:00 PM. Members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced themselves. Commissioner Cal Johannsen made a motion to adopt the minutes from September 14, 2017. Commissioner Jeffrey Lopez seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

II. Presentation from 40 Square Cooperative Solutions
Jeff Nielsen, Secretary/Treasurer of 40 Square Cooperative Solutions and President and CEO of United Farmers Cooperative in Winthrop, MN, gave a presentation on 40 Square Cooperative Solutions, an independent, self-funded health care co-op created for Minnesota’s agricultural community. The presentation included the history of 40 Square Cooperative Solutions, what it is, how it works and how to become a member.

III. Forum on Current Drainage Topics
Al Kean, BWSR Chief Engineer and Drainage Work Group Coordinator, discussed current topics relevant to Minnesota Drainage Authorities.

IV. Adjourn
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the Agriculture and Rural Development Advisory Committee Meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.