MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Greg Anderson, Isanti County
Tom Appel, Cottonwood County
Duane Bakke, Fillmore County
James Berg, Brown County
Rodney Bounds, Wadena County
Ronald Boyenga, Rock County
Keith Brekken, Watonwan County
Drew Campbell, Blue Earth County
Jim Dahlvang, Chippewa County
David Erickson, Dodge County
Tim Gabrielson, Mower County
Garry Gamble, Cook County
Paul Gerde, Pope County
John Glynn, Steele County
David Henkels, Jackson County
Peter Hoff, Grant County
Roger Imdieke, Kandiyohi County
James Ische, Carver County
Luke Johnson, Pipestone County
Todd Johnson, Traverse County
Gary Kiesow, Marshall County
Gary Kneisl, Todd County
Randy Kramer, Renville County
Bryan Larson, Meeker County
Tom Loveall, Faribault County
Vern Massie, Hubbard County
Kevin Maurer, Morrison County

Scott McCollum, Mahnomen County
Michele McPherson, Mille Lacs County
Todd Miller, Roseau County
Joshua Mohr, Pine County
Jenny Mongeau, Clay County
Brian Napstad, Aitkin County
Barry Nelson, Becker County
Steve Notch, Stearns County
Leon Olson, Koochiching County
Gary Peterson, Carlton County
Neil Peterson, Pennington County
Edward Popp, Carlton County
Victoria Reinhardt, Ramsey County
John Riebel, Sherburne County
Steve Rohlfing, Le Sueur County
Tom Rukavina, St. Louis County
Pat Sawatzke, Wright County
Ron Staples, Stevens County
Rodney Stensrud, Lyon County
James Stratton, Douglas County
Rich Sve, Lake County
Jim Swanson, Sibley County
Paul Thiede, Crow Wing County
Joe Vene, Beltrami County
Rick Greene, Chisago County
Marvin Zylstra, Nobles County

GUESTS:
Rodney Stensrud, Lyon County
Josh Stromlund, Lake of the Woods County, Land
& Water Planning Director
Rick Anderson, Lyon County
Peg Heglund, Yellow Medicine County
Administrator

Rick Hall, Wabasha County
Joan Lee, Polk County
Dean Simonsen, Brown County
Doug Krueger, McLeod County
Annalee Garletz, DNR
Tom Monson, Traverse County
I. **Call to Order**
Chair Sve called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and welcomed members and guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and participants introduced themselves. Approval of the September 17-18, 2015 minutes was moved by Commissioner Garry Gamble and seconded by Commissioner Luke Johnson. The motion prevailed and the minutes were adopted.

II. **Buffer Law Update**
Dave Leuthe, DNR, and Dave Weirens, BWSR, provided an update on the implementation of the buffer law and mapping process and requirements for counties/drainage authorities.

III. **Ditch Assessment Alternative Methods & Clean Water Fund Multipurpose Drainage Management Program**
Al Kean, BWSR, provided an update to the committee on an alternative method for assessing drainage systems through a runoff-based approach and also gave a short update on the Clean Water Fund Multipurpose Drainage Management Program.

IV. **2016 Platform Discussion and Approval**
Vice Chair Barry Nelson took over as chair to begin the 2016 platform discussion and approval. Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt presented the platform item: “AMC supports initiatives that provide state funding for local efforts to plan and respond to the loss of trees due to invasive pests”. Committee discussion led to suggested language change “strike loss of trees due to” and insert “spread of” and the amendment was accepted by the author as a friendly amendment. Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt made a motion to approve the platform item as amended and it was seconded by Commissioner Todd Johnson. Discussion continued. Commissioner Joe Vene made a motion to add the word “terrestrial” before “invasive pests”. Commissioner Drew Campbell seconded the motion. The motion did not prevail. The committee voted on the original motion to approve the new platform item on funding for trees as amended. The motion did not prevail and the platform item was not adopted.

Chair Rich Sve returned to the Chair position. Commissioner Luke Johnson introduced his platform idea: “AMC supports adequate funding and preservation of the closed landfill program (CLP), including both the Closed Landfill Investment Fund (CLIF) and the Metropolitan Landfill Contingency Action Trust (IMLCAT). Additionally, AMC supports protecting these funds from uses other than Landfill Cleanup Program uses, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 115B.39-115B.444, in order to generate a sufficient fund balance to take care of the needs of closed landfills throughout Minnesota in the future.” Discussion took place and the following amendments were offered to the language: (1) strike “adequate” and insert “full”, (2) strike “prohibiting the use of these funds for non-landfill related uses”, and (3) strike “take care of” and insert “address”. The author accepted the amendments as friendly amendments. Commissioner Roger Imdieke made a motion to approve the platform item as amended. Commissioner Jenny Mongeau seconded the motion and it was approved.

Commissioner Todd Johnson introduced and explained the following platform item: “AMC supports legislation that reduces both frequency and severity of trapping accidents.” Discussion
took place. Commissioner Randy Kramer made a motion to vote on the platform item. Commissioner Brian Napstad seconded the motion. Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt made a motion to amend the language to strike “legislation that reduces both frequency and severity of trapping accidents” and insert “flagging of conibear traps four feet above the trap during the hunting season”. Commissioner Tim Gabrielson seconded the motion. The question was called to vote on the motion. The motion did not prevail. Discussion continued. The question was called to vote on the original motion/language. The motion did not prevail and the trapping platform item was not adopted.

V. Elections for Committee Chair and Vice Chair
Chair Sve announced that he had reached his term limit as AMC Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee Chair and asked for nominations for the incoming chair position. Commissioner Ron Staples nominated Barry Nelson and it was seconded by Commissioner Paul Gerde. There were no other nominations and Commissioner Luke Johnson moved for nominations to cease and to cast a unanimous ballot in support of Commissioner Barry Nelson. The motion passed and Commissioner Barry Nelson was elected chair of the ENRPC.

Chair Sve asked for nominations for the incoming ENRPC vice chair position. Commissioner Joe Vene nominated Commissioner Todd Miller and the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Wade Pavleck. Commissioner Drew Campbell nominated Commissioner Todd Johnson and it was seconded by Commissioner Tim Gabrielson. Voting was conducted by ballots which were distributed to voting members and counted. Commissioner Todd Miller received the majority of votes and was elected the next ENRPC vice chair.

VI. Adjourn
Commissioner Garry Gamble made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Todd Miller and prevailed. The Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee adjourned at 9:56 AM.