**LWV Upper Mississippi River Region ILO**

**Governing Board Meeting (virtual)**

**5:30 – 7:00 pm, Monday, April 1, 2024**

**Elected Board Officers**

**Chair** Mary Ellen Miller (IA-Metro Des Moines)

**Co-Vice-Chair** Nancy-Porter (IA-Johnson County) **Co-Vice-Chair** (Vacant)

**Secretary** Tamara Prenosil (IA-Dubuque)

**Treasurer** Catherine Franczyk (IL- Wheaton)

**Past Co-Chairs** Mary & Steve Ploeser (WI-Dane County)

**Communications Director** Gretchen Sabel (MN-ABC)

**Committee Chairs**

**Action:** Kay Slama (MN-Willmar)

**Nominating:** Bonnie Cox (IL-Jo Daviess County)

**By-Laws:** Nancy Porter (IA-Johnson County)

**Audit:** Catherine Franczyk (IL-Wheaton)

**Program:** Mary Ellen Miller/Board

**MRN Liaison:** Nancy Porter (IA-Johnson County)

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**State Appointed Board Members**

**Iowa**: E. J. Gallagher (Blackhawk-Bremer)

**Illinois:** Lee Ekstrom (McHenry County)

**Minnesota:** Kay Slama (Willmar)

**Missouri:** Michelle Croyle (St. Louis)

**Wisconsin:** Carolyn Mahlum-Jenkins (La Crosse)

**State Appointed Alternates/Provisional**

**Iowa:** vacant

**Iowa:**  tba

**Illinois:** Paula Ekstrom (McHenry County)

**Illinois:**  tba

**Minnesota:** Megan Benage (New Ulm)

**Minnesota:** Colleen Werdien (ABC}

**Missouri:** Sheryl Eufinger (Kansas City/JCP)

**Misssouri:** tba

**Wisconsin:** Nancy Hill (La Crosse)

**Wisconsin:** tba

**MEETING AGENDA**

 5:15 pm Informal Check-In (sign in early to ZOOM)

 5:30 pm Call to Order Miller

 General Announcements

 5:33 pm Minutes from February 5, 2024 highlights Prenosil

 5:38 pm Finance reports (*filed for audit*): Balance Sheet Franczyk

 Budget vs Actuals

 Revenues/Expenses

 $10,000 MRN Grant Check Received

 5:45 pm Update on Action Committee Slama

 Sabel road salt testimony to MN Legislative Subcommittee on Water Policy

 North Star MN Sierra Club sign on letter

 6:00 pm May 29, 9th Annual Meeting (*virtual*)

6:00 pm Business Meeting 7:00 pm Program

Certification of Voting Delegates Sabel

 Minutes 2023 Annual Meeting Prenosil

 Proposed Budget 2024-25 Franczyk

 Nominating Committee (*note ByLaws*) Cox

 Proposed Program for Action 2024-25 Miller

 By-Laws Proposed Revisions Porter

 Notice to local leagues to appoint delegates Sabel

 Notice State Boards: appoint/reappoint UMRR board members

 (Secretary: compile list of current members start dates) Miller

 Program: Bill Crews, Upper MS River Basin Assoc. history? Miller

6:15 pm Clean Water Exhibit Schedule Miller

 Dubuque June 7-8; Winona/LaCrosse tentative Sept/Missouri?

6:25 pm MRN Update River Days plans, dates Porter

6:30 pm July 12-14 Planning Retreat Davenport

 July 12, Nahant Marsh afternoon Artist Reception, group dinner

 July 13, New Member Orientation: UMRR history, website,

ByLaws, Officers, Directors, etc. Include time for am outing.

July 14, 2024-25 Program of Action planning (half day) Miller

Update on housing options Sabel

Retreat location(s) Miller

Board Input

**2023-24 Program Schedule**

 August 7, “2023 Farm Bill Update,”

Duane Hvorka, Nat’l Wildlife Federation

November 6, “Clean Water Act Implementation after Sackett Decision”

Rob Lee, Midwest Environmental Advocates

 December 4, “CO2 Pipelines: Activism, Coalitions, Legislative Action”

 Peg Furshong (CURE MN), Pam Richert (Eco-Justice Collaborative

IL), and Jan Norris, (Pipeline Opponent, IA)

 February 3, “The Swine Republic” Chris Jones, author

 February 5, “St. Cloud Minnesota’s Circular Energy Economy,”

Tracy Hodel, City Public Works Director

 March 2, “The River Knows,” Neil Hamilton, author

April 4, Prairie River Network

6:55 pm Other Business

6:59 pm Next board meeting August 5? (virtual)

7:00 pm Adjourn