

**Wednesday, August 26, 2026****8:30 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.****HEARING SCHEDULE**

| Time                      | ID    | Title                                                                     | Request      | Manager            | Organization                                     |
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| <b>8:30 - 8:45 a.m.</b>   | WRE02 | DNR Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancements Phase 19                       | \$23,483,000 | Ricky Lien         | MN DNR                                           |
| <b>8:45 - 9:00 a.m.</b>   | WRE03 | DNR Statewide control and reduction of invasive Phragmites Phase I        | \$1,422,500  | Michael Verhoeven  | MN DNR                                           |
| <b>9:00 - 9:15 a.m.</b>   | WRE04 | Living Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement & Restoration Initiative    | \$11,776,000 | John Lindstrom     | Ducks Unlimited                                  |
| <b>9:15 - 9:30 a.m.</b>   | WRE05 | Mud River Enhancement Phase II                                            | \$3,200,000  | Tammy Audette      | Red Lake Watershed District                      |
| <b>9:30 - 9:45 a.m.</b>   | WRE06 | Otter and Campbell Lakes Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Phase 1      | \$3,000,000  | Michael Stifter    | City of Hutchinson                               |
| <b>9:45 - 10:00 a.m.</b>  | FRE02 | Enhancing Black Ash Forests for Resilience and Habitat                    | \$4,164,000  | Dale Gentry        | Audubon Upper Mississippi River                  |
| <b>10:00 - 10:15 a.m.</b> | HA01  | 2027 Riparian Habitat Protection in the Kettle and Snake River Watersheds | \$4,000,000  | Paul Swanson       | Pine County Soil and Water Conservation District |
| <b>10:15 - 10:30 a.m.</b> | HA02  | 2027 St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Phase 8       | \$11,167,000 | Kristin McElligott | Wild Rivers Conservancy                          |

**BREAK 10:30 - 10:45 a.m.**

| Time                           | ID   | Title                                                                            | Request      | Manager          | Organization               |
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| <b>10:45 - 11:00 a.m.</b>      | HA03 | Cannon River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration Program                | \$12,138,000 | Jennifer Tonko   | Clean River Partners       |
| <b>11:00 - 11:15 a.m.</b>      | HA04 | Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration Phase IX                            | \$4,942,400  | Alexander Scurto | Dakota County              |
| <b>11:15 - 11:30 a.m.</b>      | HA05 | Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - ML2027 | \$8,476,000  | Annie Knight     | Northern Waters Land Trust |
| <b>11:30 - 11:45 a.m.</b>      | HA06 | Metro Big Rivers Phase 17                                                        | \$20,569,000 | Neal Feekan      | MN Valley Trust            |
| <b>11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b> | HA07 | Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance – Phase 6    | \$7,330,000  | Annie Knight     | Northern Waters Land Trust |
| <b>12:00 - 12:15 p.m.</b>      | HA08 | RIM Priority Habitat                                                             | \$7,500,000  | Kevin Roth       | MN BWSR                    |
| <b>12:15 - 12:30 p.m.</b>      | HA09 | Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration Phase 15                          | \$16,585,600 | David Ruff       | The Nature Conservancy     |

**LUNCH 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.**

| Time             | ID    | Title                                                                                                 | Request      | Manager            | Organization                                     |
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| 1:00 - 1:15 p.m. | HA10  | Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Phase X                                                                | \$3,500,000  | Kevin Roth         | MN BWSR                                          |
| 1:15 - 1:30 p.m. | HRE01 | Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Enhancement and Restoration – Phase 11                                       | \$5,502,000  | Wiley Buck         | Great River Greening                             |
| 1:30 - 1:45 p.m. | HRE02 | Beaver Creek Habitat Restoration                                                                      | \$1,777,000  | Jennifer Biederman | Minnesota Trout Unlimited                        |
| 1:45 - 2:00 p.m. | HRE03 | Daylighting Phalen Creek – Phase 2                                                                    | \$6,781,400  | Gabby Menomin      | Wakan Tipi Awanyankapi                           |
| 2:00 - 2:15 p.m. | HRE04 | DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Phase 10                                              | \$16,328,000 | Dean Paron         | MN DNR                                           |
| 2:15 - 2:30 p.m. | HRE05 | DNR Fish Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Phase 1                                                  | \$7,112,300  | Heather Baird      | MN DNR                                           |
| 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. | HRE06 | DNR Irish Creek Watershed Enhancement, Phase 1                                                        | \$3,370,000  | Jeramy Pinkerton   | MN DNR                                           |
| 2:45 - 3:00 p.m. | HRE08 | Enhancing Agate Bay's Coastal Wetland Habitat along the Lake Superior Shore in Lake County, Minnesota | \$745,300    | Tara Solem         | Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District |

### **BREAK 3:00 - 3:15 p.m.**

| Time             | ID    | Title                                                                     | Request     | Manager                                 | Organization                                                                  |
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| 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. | HRE09 | Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation Project – PH VII                       | \$2,661,000 | Blake Francis (RWF); Kevin Bovee (LSSA) | Lake Superior Steelhead Association (LSSA) with Rajala Woods Foundation (RWF) |
| 3:30 - 3:45 p.m. | HRE10 | Little Cannon River Stream Habitat Restoration – Construction Phase       | \$4,952,000 | John Lenczewski                         | Minnesota Trout Unlimited                                                     |
| 3:45 - 4:00 p.m. | HRE12 | Minnesota Statewide Trout Habitat Enhancement & Protection – Construction | \$4,085,000 | John Lenczewski                         | Minnesota Trout Unlimited                                                     |
| 4:00 - 4:15 p.m. | HRE13 | Protection and Resiliency in the Rainy River Headwaters                   | \$3,000,000 | Robert Kimmel-Hass                      | Cook County                                                                   |
| 4:15 - 4:30 p.m. | HRE14 | Restoring priority habitats for Hennepin County's sensitive wildlife      | \$6,691,400 | Kristine Maurer                         | Hennepin County                                                               |
| 4:30 - 4:45 p.m. | HRE15 | Swift Coulee Channel Restoration / Enhancement – Phase 2                  | \$2,043,000 | Morteza Maher                           | Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District                                |
| 4:45 - 5:00 p.m. | HRE16 | Tamarac River Enhancement Project – Phase 1                               | \$7,876,000 | Lon Aune                                | Marshall County                                                               |
| 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. |       | <b>Council Discussion – Daily Wrap-up</b>                                 |             |                                         |                                                                               |