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ND State Water Commission and Department of Water Resources schedule regional basin meetings

Bismarck, ND – The North Dakota State Water Commission and Department of Water Resources (DWR) have announced the schedule for commissioner-hosted basin meetings across the state. The on-site meetings are held every other summer in each of the state's eight major drainage basins and are open to the public.

At each of their respective meetings, Water Commission members provide brief updates regarding contemporary issues in their basin, and representatives from the DWR will present a biennium budget update, budget guidelines for 2025, information on the 2025 water development planning process and other agency efforts.

A key function of the Water Commission is to review and approve cost-share requests from local project sponsors, so Commissioners encourage those same sponsors to present project summaries of projects they might bring forward for funding during the next budget cycle. Public comments will also be welcome during the meeting.

"The basin meetings are an important opportunity for Water Commission members and DWR team members to interact with our constituents," Andrea Travnicek, Director of the DWR said. "We look forward to traveling the state to update citizens on Commission and agency efforts, answer questions, and get valuable feedback."

The 2024 schedule for commissioner-hosted basin meetings is:

James River – Commissioner Connie Ova

City Hall - Lower-Level Conference Room 102 3rd Ave SE, Jamestown, ND 58401 Monday, June 17, 10:00 AM

Upper Red River – Commissioner April Walker

Dr. James Carlson Library 2801 32nd Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103 Monday, June 17, 3:00 PM

Lower Red River – Commissioner Michael Anderson

City Council Chambers 255 N 4th St, Grand Forks, ND 58203 Tuesday, June 18, 9:00 AM

Devils Lake - Commissioner Jeff Frith

Lake Region State College - Chautauqua Gallery 1801 College Dr. N, Devils Lake, ND 58301 Tuesday, June 18, 3:00 PM

Lower Missouri River – Commissioner Jay Volk

Bank of North Dakota - Lewis and Clark Room 1200 Memorial Hwy, Bismarck, ND 58504 Monday, June 24, 3:00 PM (Virtual Option Available)

Upper Missouri River - Commissioner Gene Veeder

Four Bears Casino and Lodge - Sanish Room 202 Frontage Rd, New Town, ND 58763 Thursday, June 27, 10:00 AM

Little Missouri, Upper Heart, & Upper Cannonball - Commissioner James Odermann

Stark-Billings NDSU Extension Office 2680 Empire Rd, Dickinson, ND 58601 Thursday, June 27, 3:00 PM (MT)

Mouse River - Commissioner Jason Zimmerman

Sleep Inn and Suites Conference Center – Sunrise Board Room 2400 10th St SW, Minot, ND 58701 Wednesday, July 10, 3:00 PM

For more information, visit Department of Water Resources (nd.gov)

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