

# M i N u t e

THE MAAO

*Our organization's way to provide you the most current information regarding all things related to MN Property Tax Assessment Administration.*

## Let's get to know Region 3

### Counties:

- Benton
- Chisago
- Isanti
- Kanabec
- Mille Lacs
- Morrison
- Pine
- Sherburne
- Stearns
- Wright

### Officers:

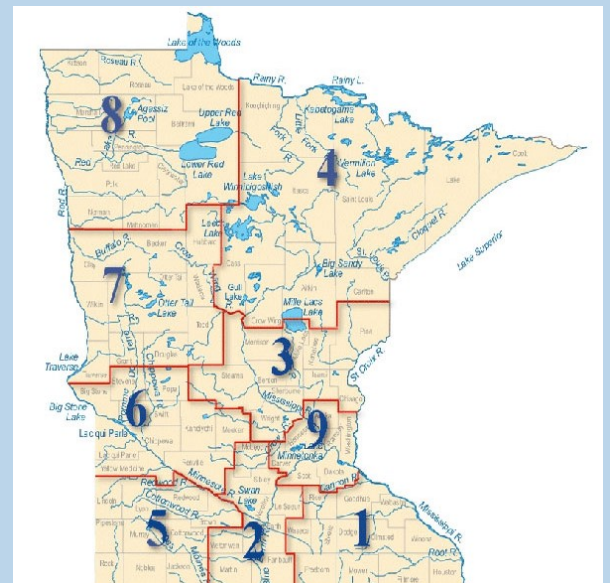
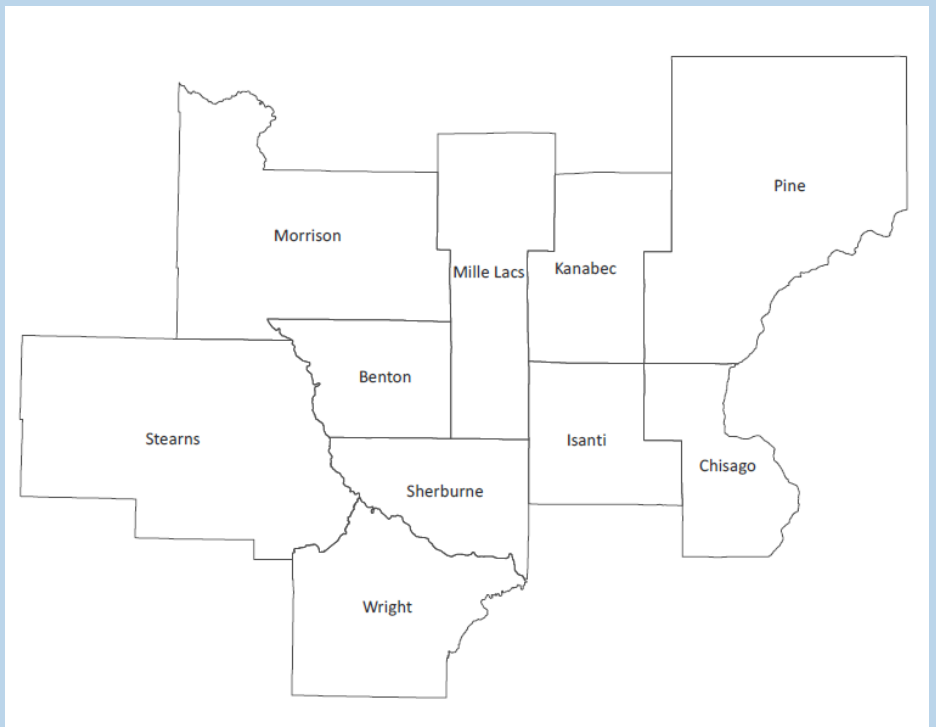
**President** - Tina Von Eschen - Kanabec County

**Vice President** - Jake Pidde - Stearns County

**Secretary** - Tammy Anderson - Wright County

**Treasurer** - Shelly Maloney - Sherburne County

**Region Director** - Jean Sowada-Popp - Morrison County



Roughly 50% (559,000 megawatt hours) of the state's taxable solar energy produced in 2017 came from six counties in Region 3: Benton, Chisago, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright. Only two counties in Region 3 have taxable wind energy production. Sherburne and Stearns produced only 3% of the state's total taxable wind energy (345,760 megawatt hours).

## Legislative Update

House and Senate conference committee on taxes continues to meet in efforts to iron out the final details of the omnibus tax bill. MAAO working in conjunction with AMC, MACO, and Rep Torkelson office has offered up an Ag Buffer exemption proposal in an effort to address the Governors desire to compensate farmers who comply with the Ag buffer land requirements. The 2019 legislative session is scheduled to adjourn May 20.

- Mark Peterson, Cass County Assessor, Legislative Committee Chair

## New CIA Valuations Chair

Dan Blonigen, City of Bloomington

Dan Blonigen is the new chair of the Commercial, Industrial, and Apartment Valuations Committee.

## MAAO Basic Ag 101

June 10 - 11, 2019 in St. Cloud MN

[Register by June 3.](#)

This course provides students with the skills and knowledge necessary to understand the basic properties of agricultural property.

## American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers - Valuation of Conservation Easements and Other Partial Interests in Real Estate

June 12 - 14, 2019 in St. Cloud, MN. [Register by May 23, 2019.](#)

Hands-on, how-to 3-day seminar addresses the generally accepted principles and procedures to value partial interests (not fractional ownership interests, but something less than the fee bundle of rights). The seminar provides an overview of the differences between conservation easements prepared under USPAP, UASFLA/Yellow Book and IRS requirements - and their application to partial estate valuation.

We hope you enjoy reading the MAAO Newsletter.

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