OVERVIEW

Agency: Minnesota Water Planning Board.
Series Title: Files of Thomas J. Kalitowski
Quantity: 3.95 cubic feet (4 boxes and 1 partial box).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Water Planning Board was established in July 1977 [Laws 1977 c446]. Its duties included preparation of the Framework Water and Related Land Resources Plan as proposed by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources [LCMR] in October 1976; direction of all state involvement in activities pursuant to the federal Water Resources Planning Act [P.L. 89-80]; assurance of participation of the public and all units of government in water resources planning activities; recommendation of improvements in state laws in order to reduce overlap, duplication, and conflicting jurisdictions in water resource management; and participation in the various federal-state river basin commissions. Directors included the state commissioners of agriculture, health, natural resources, energy, and pollution control, the Soil and Water Board chair, and a chair as appointed by the Governor. In August 1977, Governor Perpich appointed Thomas J. Kalitowski to the latter position. The board's final report was due to the governor and legislature before July 1, 1979 and the board was to cease to exist on June 30, 1979. Over the next four years the board was extended three times [Laws 1979 c333 sec31 subd5; Laws 1980 c548; Laws 1982 c524]. In 1983 [Laws 1983 c301], the Legislature finally created the permanent water resources coordinating body recommended in the board's 1979 framework water plan. The Water Planning Board and the Southern Minnesota Rivers Basin Board were merged with the state Environmental Quality Board. Governor Perpich also approved a reorganization order transferring the staff of the three merged boards to the new State Planning Agency and appointed Kalitowski head of the new Environmental Quality Board, effective July 1, 1983.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

Minutes, correspondence, newsletter, reports, and subject files maintained by board chair, Thomas J. Kalitowski, documenting the organization and activities of the board, particularly
preparation of the Framework Water and Related Land Resources Plan. Topics covered include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' winter navigation program; flood control; the Great Lakes basin; groundwater; local water planning; wastewater treatment; and interaction with the Great Lakes Commission, Legislative Advisory Committee, Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment (CORE), United States Water Resources Council, and Upper Mississippi River Basin Commission (UMBRC).

INDEX TERMS

*These records are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

**Topics:**
- Federal aid to water resources development--Minnesota.
- Flood control--Minnesota.
- Groundwater--Minnesota--Quality.
- Ice navigation--Minnesota.
- Water resources development--Law and legislation--Minnesota.

**Places:**
- Great Lakes—Environmental aspects.

**Organizations:**
- Great Lakes Commission.
- Minnesota Environmental Quality Board.
- Minnesota. Legislature. Legislative Advisory Committee.
- Minnesota. Legislature. Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources.
- Minnesota State Planning Agency.
- United States. Army. Corps of Engineers.
- Upper Mississippi River Basin Commission.
- Water Resources Council (U.S.).

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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Location

120.I.10.9B
Minutes, June 1977 - September 1982. 2 folders.
Correspondence, 1977-1984. 6 folders.
The First Six Months of the Water Planning Board, February 1978.
History of Water Management in Minnesota (outline), [ca. 1978].
General files:

120.I.10.10F

120.I.11.1B
Select Committee on Recycling and the Environment (SCORE),
1988-1989. 9 folders.
   Includes minutes, correspondence, and hearing files.

120.D.1.10F
   Nos. 7, 10-14; prepared by Supply, Allocation and Use Work Group (Nos. 7, 10-13) and Water Management Work Group (No. 14).

120.D.1.10F
Location
154.J.12.4F

   Toward Efficient Allocation and Management: A Strategy to Preserve and Protect Water and Related Land Resources.