



## Meet your Board Member – Brad Kramer

**Shell Rock River WD**

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**How long have you served on your local watershed board?** I joined the Shell Rock River Watershed District (SRRWD) almost six years ago in 2017 (applying for my third three-year term this summer) to give back to and learn about my community.

**What inspires you to continue doing the work you do?** I initially joined the watershed because of my background in environmental, health, & safety (EHS) management for industry, and was interested in representing my interest as a resident who lives on a lake in our watershed that is being dredged. I also grew up in a farming family and understand the pressures that farmers face, so I wanted to add a voice to the board that brought together my knowledge and experience in ag, industry, and as a lake homeowner. I own *Provenio Consulting*, which is an occupational safety and health consulting firm. I included environmental consulting when I started the business but have since focused on safety consulting. That background with managing storm water permits, ISO 14001 (environmental management system) management, water use permits, and other environmental projects gives me insight into how our organization and watersheds can better work with more stakeholders to accomplish bigger projects.

**What was your impetus for joining the Minnesota Watersheds Board of Directors?** Andy Henschel is the SRRWD Administrator and encouraged me to join the Board of Directors. I've attended most of the Minnesota Watersheds conferences since joining the SRRWD and appreciate what Minnesota Watersheds does, so I wanted to get more involved. One objective I wish to contribute is helping watersheds learn to partner with industry as a resource to accomplish their objectives, such as partnering with industry for rain gardens and stormwater retention projects.

**Tell us a fun fact about yourself.** I was in Boy Scouts until I turned 18, which contributed to my desire to be a wilderness guide, so I moved to the Gunflint Trail after getting a job at a canoe outfitter for the summer, and then as a dogsled guide that winter. I also joined the volunteer fire department and have served on two other departments since. So, my fun fact is, I had some fun and exciting jobs before starting in "the real world"!

