**Project Manager Qualifications**

**Tim Terrill, Executive Director**

Tim Terrill has an Associates and Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts & Biology (Ecology) from Winona State University, as well as Watershed Management and Conservation Planner certification through the EPA and Natural Resources Conservation Services. Tim brings over eighteen years of experience in the environmental field to his role as Executive Director with the Mississippi Headwaters Board (MHB).

As the District Manager for the Winona Soil & Water Conservation District, Tim worked with the local farming community to identify and obtain funds that would allow the improve water quality, erosion issues, and pollution issues. He was awarded several accolades: ’08 National District Excellence Award for Policy and Grassroots Initiatives from the National Association of Conservation Districts and the ’09 Minnesota Soil & Water Conservation Society Merit Award for his district’s contribution to the natural resource field. Tim was also Project Coordinator with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, where he utilized multiple government programs and partnerships to improve water quality. He managed three watershed water quality projects, including the Camp Creek Watershed Project, where he implemented best management practices to control erosion in pasture and cropland that resulted in aquatic habitat alteration.

Mr. Terrill balances many different responsibilities with the MHB, including board development, fiscal management, marketing, public policy development, grant oversight, and program management. He provides remediation assistance and foresight on various projects and their development within the eight-county corridor through grant acquisition and public awareness programs. Tim is responsible for the full oversight of the Whiskey Creek and Mississippi River Habitat and Water Quality Protection Project and the administration of the LCCMR 2020 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund grant.

**Organization Description**

**Mississippi Headwaters Board**

Formed in 1980 as an alternative to designation of the river into the National Wild and Scenic River System, the Mississippi Headwaters Board (MHB) works to protect and preserve the first 400 miles of the Mississippi River in Minnesota.

A joint powers board of Clearwater, Beltrami, Cass, Hubbard, Itasca, Aitkin, Crow Wing and Morrison Counties, the MHB is mandated by Minnesota Statutes 103F.361-377 to enhance and protect the natural, cultural, historic, scientific, and recreational values of the headwaters region.

MHB achieves its goal of river protection through cooperative land use planning in the eight counties, in conjunction with the Chippewa National Forest and the Leech Lake Indian Reservation.

MHB promotes water quality monitoring, education, and stewardship activities for shoreland property owners, and embraces the efforts of local citizens, students, and government groups who work together to protect the river in their community and preserve the splendor of this national treasure.