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MINUTES

August 11, 2011

8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Room 5, State Office Building

St. Paul, MN 55155

Members Present: Jeff Broberg, Tom Cook, Sen. Al DeKruif, Nancy Gibson, John Herman, Sen. Linda Higgins, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Rep. Denny McNamara, Norman Moody, Sen. Gen Olson, Rep. Ron Shimanski, Elizabeth Wilkens

Staff Present: S. Thornton, S. Shreffler, M. McDonough, M. Banker

Members Absent: Al Berner, Rep. David Dill, Rep. Tom Hackbarth, Rep. Tom Rukavina, Sen. Rod Skoe

Co-Chair: Sen. Gen Olson

1. Approve agenda for LCCMR meeting for August 11, 2011

Co-Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved approval of the agenda for August 11, 2011 – motion prevailed.

2. Members approve minutes for June 23, 2011

MOTION: Commissioner Broberg moved approval of the minutes for June 23, 2011 – motion prevailed.

3. Members report potential conflicts of interest regarding today's business

Members reported no conflicts of interest for today's meeting.

Later during the meeting, Commissioner Gibson stated that she is on the Board of the Belwin Conservancy. Minnesota Land Trust (MLT), is a part of the Metro Conservation Corridors (M.L. 2011, Subd.4i3.2) and she doesn't know if MLT is proposing any easements there.

Commissioner Herman stated he had a conflict with Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge Trust (M.L. 2011, Subd. 4i2.6/3.3 and 4j4h) because they are a client of his law firm Faegre and Benson.

4. Session Report – M.L. 2011, 1st Special Session, Chp. 2, Art.3 “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriations”

Susan Thornton discussed the updated session report related to the 2011 Legislative Special Session calling attention to the new changes which occurred in legislation since the LCCMR meeting on June 23, 2011 session report of the regular 2011 Legislative Session.

Alfred Berner, Jeff Broberg, Tom Cook, Sen. Al DeKruif, Rep. David Dill, Nancy Gibson, John Herman, Rep. Tom Hackbarth, Sen. Linda Higgins, Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, Rep. Denny McNamara, Norman Moody, Sen. Gen Olson, Rep. Tom Rukavina, Rep. Ron Shimanski, Sen. Rod Skoe, Elizabeth Wilkens

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Members requested more information on Subd. 4a “State Park and Recreation Area Operations and Improvements”, Subd. 9b “Chronic Wasting Disease and Animal Health”, and Subd. 9c “Aquatic Invasive Species”. Members were informed by Susan Thornton that Commissioner Landwehr would be providing an overview today under Agenda Item 7.

In addition, Susan Thornton mentioned that the session report did not include bonding and there was an appropriation “Lake Vermilion State Park Development” for \$8,000,000 in the Special Session Bonding Bill, Chapter 12, First Special Session, Sec. 5, Subd. 5.

*Subd. 5. Lake Vermilion State Park Development \$8,000,000
For predesign, design, and construction of infrastructure at Lake Vermilion State Park.*

Commissioner Ingebrigtsen asked staff how many dollars went to acquisition in the 2011 Trust Fund appropriations in Chapter 2, First Special Session, Art. 3. Staff provided a summary later in the day. Susan explained for M.L. 2011 that Terrestrial and Aquatic Habitat Acquisition is approximately \$12.6 million and Parks and Trails acquisition is approximately \$6.4 million. (See Attachment #1)

5. M.L. 2011 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan approval – Discussion and Action

Proposed Work Plans, as available, can be viewed at <http://www.lccmr.leg.mn>

- a) **Work Plan Presentations (Note: there will be brief presentation and Q & A scheduled for 9 work plans with fee title or conservation easement acquisition lists needing approval.)**

Time	Work Plan	\$	Organization	Presenter
Fee Title				
9:15 a.m.	MeCC VI – Priority Expansion and Restoration MN Valley NW Refuge (2.6/3.3) HCP VII - Priority Acquisition, MN Valley Wetland Management District (4h)	\$600,000 \$400,000	MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.	Deborah Loon Charlie Blair
9:30 a.m.	MeCC VI – TPL’s Critical Land Protection Program (3.1) HCP VII – TPL’s Critical Lands Protection Program (4c)	\$500,000 \$490,000	The Trust for Public Land (TPL)	Susan Schmidt
9:45 a.m.	HCP VII – WMA/WPA Acquisition beyond Boundaries (4a)	\$430,000	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Joe Pavelko
Easements				
10:00 a.m.	MeCC VI – Protect Significant Habitat by Acquiring Conservation Easements (3.2) HCP VII – Shoreland Protection Program (3a)	\$400,000 \$450,000	Minnesota Land Trust	Sarah Strommen
10:20 a.m.	MeCC VI – Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore Protection (2.7/3.7)	\$1,035,000	Dakota County	Al Singer
10:30 a.m.	HCP VII – Shallow Lake Conservation Easements (3c) – Including update on DU Monitoring & Enforcement Fund	\$500,000	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	Jon Schneider

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- b) **Action: Consider adoption of 1) acquisition-related work plans presented (contingent on ML 2010 appropriation expended or plan to transition to ML 2011 appropriation approved by LCCMR) and 2) proposed staff recommended consent list* – to be posted**

***Any member can request a work plan be removed from the consent list and a presentation scheduled.**

Deborah Loon, MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc., and Chairlie Blair, Refuge Manager for MN Vlaley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc. presented an overview of “MeCC VI – Priority Expansion and Restoration MN Valley NW Refuge (4i2.6/3.3)”, \$600,000 and “HCP VII - Priority Acquisition, MN Valley Wetland Management District (4j4h)”, \$400,000.

Commisisoner DeKruif asked about MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc. acquisitions and snowmobile trails.

Susan Schmidt, Trust for Public Land (TPL) presented for Becca Nash and Robert McGillvray an overview of “MeCC VI – TPL’s Critical Land Protection Program (4i3.1)”, \$500,000 and “HCP VII – TPL’s Critical Lands Protection Program (4j4c)”, \$490,000.

Joe Pavelko, Pheasants Forever, presented an overview of “HCP VII – WMA/WPA Acquisition beyond Boundaries (4j4a)”, \$430,000.

Sarah Strommen, Minnesota Land Trust (MLT), presented an overview of “MeCC VI – Protect Significant Habitat by Acquiring Conservation Easements (4i3.2)”, \$400,000 and “HCP VII – Shoreland Protection Program (4j3a)”, \$450,000.

After Sarah Strommen’s presentation the LCCMR meeting went to Agenda Items 6 and 7 and completed the remaining two presentations after Agenda Item 7.

6. Issue Seminar: Minnesota Air Quality and Other Issues MPCA overview and discussion of air quality issues and other related future issues before the MPCA (Presenter: MPCA Commissioner Paul Aasen)

Commissioner Paul Aasen presented “New EPA Air Quality Regulations”. After the presentation, Commissioner Herman suggested LCCMR considered in its new Request for Proposal (RFP) an item he framed as “Creative Regulatory Analysis Regarding Air Quality”.

7. DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr discussion of new appropriations, direct expenditures, and reporting

Commissioner Landwehr said he wanted to talk to the Commission about cost recovery on what is direct and necessary expenditures as stated in M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2. Commissioner Landwehr said he also wanted to talk about the Commission’s preference for reporting on Subd. 4a “State Park and Recreation Area Operations and Improvements”, Subd. 9b “Chronic Wasting Disease and Animal Health”, and Subd. 9c “Aquatic Invasive Species”. He asked if LCCMR members wanted a presentation, a written report or both.

After discussions, Co-Chair Olson stated that members consensus was for a written report and a presentation to be given potentially at the next LCCMR meeting on September 27, 2011.

Commissioner Gibson stated that she would like to make sure that they were provided outcomes and

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that the LCCMR would receive credit for the expenditures. It was also agreed that DNR would come back with a plan to account for expenditures and financial data.

Commissioner Landwehr indicated that the LSOHC had agreed to a DNR plan and had provided a detailed financial spreadsheet on direct and necessary expenses for the Outdoor Heritage Fund.

Commissioner Landwehr and members discussed the coverage of workman’s compensation without conclusion.

Members moved back to Agenda Item 5.

Al Singer, Dakota County, presented an overview of “MeCC VI – Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore Protection (4i2.7/3.7)”, \$1,035,000

Jon Schneider, Duck Unlimited, Inc. (DU) presented an overview of “HCP VII – Shallow Lake Conservation Easements (4j3c)”, \$500,000.

8. Action: Work Plan overview for approval for projects in M.L. 2011, 1st Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 3 – Tentative**

Work Plan	\$	Organization	Presenter
Subd. 3p “Species of Concern; Investigations” (Part A – “MN Common Loons & American White Pelicans)	\$500,000 (Part A - \$250,000)	DNR	Carrol Henderson
Subd. 10b “Contract Management” - pending	\$175,000	DNR	Marcia Honold

**Work Plans may be added or removed as they become available.

Proposed - LCCMR Meetings on September 27- 28, 2011			
Action: Work Plan overview for approval for projects in M.L. 2011, 1st Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 3			
Work Plan	\$	Organization	Presenter
Subd. 3p “Species of Concern; Investigations” (Part B – “Breeding Bird Atlas”)	\$500,000 (Part B - \$250,000)	DNR / Audubon Minnesota	Mark Martell Carrol Henderson
Subd. 8c “Experiential Environmental Education for Urban Youth”	\$200,000	Hennepin County	Mary Karius
Subd. 9a “Minnesota Conservation Apprentice Academy”	\$200,000	BWSR	Steve Woods
Subd. 9d “Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands Reserve Acquisition and Restoration Program Partnership”	\$1,645,000	BWSR	Julie Blackburn

Proposed - LCCMR Meetings on September 27- 28, 2011			
Overview by DNR			
Work Plan	\$	Organization	Presenter
Subd. 4a “State Park and	\$3,627,000	DNR	TBD

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Recreation Area Operations and Improvements”			
Subd. 4s “Land and Water Conservation Account (LAWCON) Federal Reimbursement”	\$750,000	DNR	Ron Potter Stan Linnell
Subd. 9b “Chronic Wasting Disease and Animal Health”	\$1,200,000	DNR	TBD
Subd. 9c “Aquatic Invasive Species”	\$5,690,000	DNR	TBD

Carrol Henderson, DNR and Rich Baker, DNR presented an overview of Subd. 3p “Species of Concern; Investigations” (Part A – “MN Common Loons & American White Pelicans), \$500,000 (Part A - \$250,000).

Subd. 10b “Contract Management”, \$175,000, was removed from today’s agenda at DNR’s request. Members discussed extensively concerns about getting new contracts issued in a timely fashion to assure reimbursement to nonstate agencies and that this work plan was the equivalent of a contract between LCCMR and DNR for fiscal management of these appropriations as assigned. There was concern expressed that the contracts might be delayed pending approval of this work plan. Mike Banker stated that he had been assured by DNR that there was sufficient money in the carryforward to begin implementation of the new contracts and they would not be held up pending approval of the new money.

MOTION: Higgins moved lines 2 through 24 of the spreadsheet titled “M.L. 2011, 1st Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 3 - Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriations Work Plan Approval List - LCCMR Meeting August 11, 2011” with the staff contingency notes and with the exception of the lines that had titles on them.

Before approval members discussed the need to have additional information on the conservation easement lists and the acquisition lists presented be provided to staff for review before final closings. Commissioner Broberg and Commissioner Gibson indicated that they wanted to work with staff on how the various requirements in session law are implemented.

Members further discussed issues of conservation easements using the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF). Commissioner Moody brought up concern about the purchase of conservation easements and the percentage of appraised value that was being paid without any public access and that it appears that they are buying down acquisition.

Commissioner Gibson reiterated she wants to work with staff.

Commissioner Cook says it appears to be a high level of administration and staffing costs for the return of the easements and fee title acquisition and that it is important that local cities be coordinated with and consulted on conservation easements because of circumstances where the proposed easements are in conflict with local park plans.

In Subd. 4j3c “HCP VII – Shallow Lake Conservation Easements (3c)”, Ducks Unlimited, there was concern the project list appears to be paying private hunt clubs for easements that do not provide public access.

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Members requested that this discussion be written up and provided as guidance to the organizations and project managers. (See Attachment #2)

MOTION: Higgins renewed her motion to move lines 2 through 24 of the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2011, 1st Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 3 - Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriations Work Plan Approval List - LCCMR Meeting August 11, 2011" (See Attachment #3) with the staff contingency notes and with the exception of the lines that had titles on them – motion prevailed.

9. Discuss topics for future issue seminars and project review

Members discussed the results of their evaluation and voting on topics related to Agenda Item 11.

10. Review 2011 RFP priorities and criteria

There was no in-depth discussion at this time. Members were asked by staff to provide any feedback for staff to provide to other members.

11. Discuss the 2011 calendar activities

Members discussed the calendar and confirmed the next LCCMR meeting(s) would be September 27 - 28 and which activities should be completed. It was decided Sept. 27 would be a business meeting / issue seminars and September 28 would consist of Metro area site visits on issue seminar topics.

12. Other business - Next scheduled LCCMR Meeting: September 27 and 28, 2011

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

**FY 2012-13 ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND
APPROPRIATIONS – M.L. 2011, 1st Special Session, Ch. 2, Art. 3**

SUMMARY OF ML 2011 APPROPRIATIONS BY SUBDIVISION (\$51,406,000*)

- SUBD. 3. Natural Resource Data and Information: \$9,775,000 – 17 Appropriations**
- Collection, interpretation, mapping, and dissemination of foundational data and information pertaining to groundwater, soils, wetlands, and distributions of plant and animal species and ecological systems.
 - Research and analysis pertaining to moose populations; biomass harvesting; and changes in Minnesota's boreal forests.
 - Refinement and development of methodologies and implementation of technologies and training to improve natural resource management efficacy and efficiency.
 - Planning for natural resource conservation in the central Minnesota Mississippi River corridor and St. Croix River Basin.
 - Acceleration of efforts investigating species of concern.
- SUBD. 4. Land, Habitat, and Recreation: \$28,384,000 – 32 Appropriations [37 projects]**
- Expansion of state parks and trails; acceleration of operations and infrastructure improvements of state parks and trails.
 - Grants to local units of government for acquisition and development of regional parks, trails, and scenic and natural areas.
 - Protection, restoration, and enhancement of priority, high quality, and rare lands and habitat through fee title acquisition, conservation easements, restoration/enhancement, and related efforts.
 - Outreach to engage citizens with Minnesota's Scientific and Natural Area system.
 - Technical assistance and training for landowners and conservation professionals on conservation program opportunities, habitat restoration, and land stewardship.
 - Planning, inventory, monitoring, and data management pertaining to at-risk native species, rare and unique habitats, and existing state-held conservation easements.
 - Research and analysis pertaining to habitat protection and restoration strategies and genetic diversity of wild rice.
- SUBD. 5. Water Resources: \$1,557,000 – 6 Appropriations**
- Inventory, assessment, mapping, and planning pertaining to sensitive shoreline protection, watershed restoration efforts, and trout stream water sources in relation to development impacts.
 - Research and analysis pertaining to presence and threat of antibiotics in the Minnesota River and Mississippi River water quality.
 - Education incorporating Mississippi River water quality assessment efforts into classrooms and outreach to help communities reduce contaminants of emerging concern within water resources.
- SUBD. 6. Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species: \$870,000 – 3 Appropriations**
- Research and analysis identifying potentially harmful bacteria transported into Lake Superior via ballast water discharge.
 - Research and analysis pertaining to Emerald Ash Borer, including assessment and pilot implementation of biocontrol options.
 - Assessment of the invasiveness risk potential of switchgrass selectively bred for biofuel production and development of related risk management strategies.
- SUBD. 7. Renewable Energy and Air Quality: \$150,000 – 1 Appropriation**
- Implementation of community-scale forest bioenergy systems
- SUBD. 8. Environmental Education: \$811,000 – 3 Appropriations**
- Outreach and technical assistance enabling students to implement renewable energy and energy conservation projects within their schools and communities in west and southwest Minnesota.
 - Development and delivery of environmental education to youth through experiential, science-based learning activities involving ecology and horticulture, particularly in urban and other underserved communities.
- SUBD. 9. Emerging Issues: \$8,735,000 – 4 Appropriations**
- Training of future conservation professionals through mentoring opportunities.
 - Acceleration of efforts to prevent, manage, or eliminate aquatic invasive species and chronic-wasting disease.
 - Acceleration of the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) – Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) efforts.
- SUBD. 10. Administration and Contract Management: \$1,402,000 – 2 Appropriations**
- LCCMR administration and project contract management.

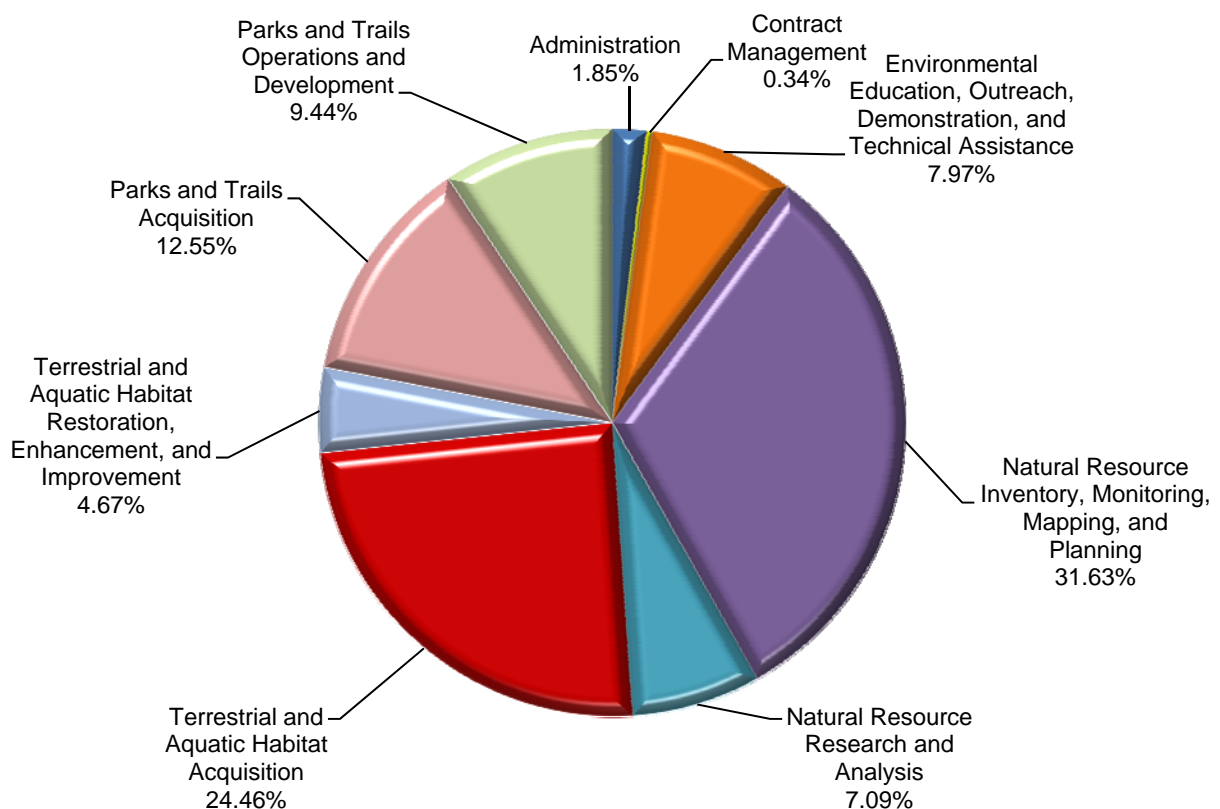
*Includes approximately \$25.3 million each year (total = \$50,656,000) from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and a total of \$750,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Account (LAWCON).

FY 2012-13 ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS – M.L. 2011, 1st Special Session, Ch. 2, Art. 3

SUMMARY OF EXPECTED OUTCOMES ACROSS SUBDIVISIONS FOR ~\$51.4 MILLION

- **Natural Resource Inventory, Monitoring, Mapping, and Planning: ~\$16.3 million**
Inventory, monitoring, mapping, and planning efforts to obtain critical information and guide relevant decisions and efforts over time, including acceleration of the MN County Biological Survey; MN County Geologic Atlas program; MN Statewide Soil Survey; MN Wetlands Inventory; mapping and measurement of springheds; improved techniques and planning for local conservation efforts; strategic planning and implementation of improved management for state-owned lands; invasive species and wildlife disease; and recommended guidelines for prairie management.
- **Terrestrial and Aquatic Habitat Acquisition: ~\$12.6 million**
Acquisition of an estimated 3,877 acres in a combination of fee title (1,390 acres and .9 miles of shoreline) and conservation easements (2,487 acres), including donated easements. Permanently protected areas will include forests, wetlands, shoreline, prairie, savanna, and other habitat for both human and animal benefit.
- **Terrestrial and Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Enhancement, and Improvement ~\$2.4 million**
Restoration, enhancement, and improvement activities on an estimated 4,898 acres and 4.4 miles of shoreline. Activities performed will include seed collection, prescribed burns, soil preparation, native vegetation installation, structural improvements, woody encroachment removal, and invasive species control.
- **Parks and Trails Acquisition: ~\$6.4 million**
Acquisition of an estimated 1,010 acres in state parks, state trails, and metropolitan and non-metropolitan regional parks and trails.
- **Parks and Trails Operations and Improvements: ~\$4.9 million**
Operations and infrastructure improvements in state parks, state recreation areas, and regional parks and trails, including day use facilities, campgrounds, and recreational trails.
- **Natural Resource Research and Analysis: ~\$3.6 million**
Research and analysis projects that will advance our knowledge about and provide recommendations for addressing issues relating to species protection, decline, and recovery; ecosystem conservation and restoration; biomass harvesting and bioenergy options; water quality and conservation; and invasive species.
- **Environmental Education, Outreach, Demonstration, and Technical Assistance: ~\$4.1 million**
Environmental education, outreach, demonstration, and technical assistance efforts that will educate Minnesotans on topics including renewable energy and energy conservation, water quality and conservation, environmental science and ecology, wildlife and natural history, and outdoor recreation; demonstrate options for energy efficiency and sustainability; and provide training and technical assistance on renewable energy and natural resource conservation and management tools, practices, and options.
- **Contract Management: ~\$0.2 million**
DNR contract management for projects of non-state entities.
- **Administration: ~\$0.9 million**
FY 2012-2013 LCCMR administration

% OF EXPECTED OUTCOMES ACROSS SUBDIVISIONS



*Includes approximately \$25.3 million each year (total = \$50,656,000) from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and a total of \$750,000 from the Land and Water Conservation Account (LAWCON).

Guidance for Conservation Easement Projects Based on LCCMR Discussion at 08/11/11 Meeting

- **Public Access**
 - For parcels purchased with public dollars, priority should be given to parcels that provide some level of public access.
- **Price Paid**
 - The price paid for a conservation easement as a percentage of total parcel value should be weighed carefully, particularly when there is no public access included as part of the purchase.
 - When public access is included then a greater percentage of total value is justifiable, but when public access is not included it's prudent to weigh the degree to which a parcel already is or will be protected. Given the limited conservation dollars available in relation to the spectrum of opportunities available, an acquisition should aim to avoid any appearance of public subsidization of private land acquisition by paying a landowner to do exactly what they were already planning to do with a parcel.
- **Personnel Costs**
 - Efforts should aim to minimize personnel costs for easement acquisition. Ratios of more than \$1 of personnel costs for every \$1 of conservation easement expenditures suggest there may be more economical ways of doing things that could result in greater dollars being available for land purchase.
- **Communication and Coordination with Local Communities/Local Government**
 - Organizations should emphasize clear and open channels of communication between the local communities and governments of the areas where an acquisition is taking place so as to ensure that relevant local plans/circumstances (e.g., changes in zoning) do not have problematic implications for the acquisition under consideration.
- **Donated vs. Purchased Easements**
 - Donated easements are preferred due to the greater ratio of benefit provided for the number of public dollars expended.
 - Although this guidance is applicable to both donated and purchased easements, due to their greater public costs it is more strongly intended for purchased easements.
- **Information Provided**
 - Projects need to provide LCCMR staff with additional required information on parcels prior to final closings, and should do so with adequate lead time so as to eliminate any potential impact on closings if questions or requests for further information should arise.

**M.L. 2011, 1st Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 3 - Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriations
Work Plan Approval List - LCCMR Meeting August 11, 2011**

Line #	Subd.	Title	Affiliation	Project Manager	\$ Appropriated	State Classified Staff	Fee Title Acquisition	Conservation Easements	Equipment over \$3,500	Consent Approval Staff Recmd	Staff Notes
1	Appropriations with no changes from LCCMR recommendation; Staff recommend consent approval										
2	03d	Updating the National Wetland Inventory for Minnesota - Phase III	DNR	Steve Kloiber	\$1,500,000	yes				X	- Funding is for second year of biennium - Approve use of classified staff - Recommend informational presentation to Commission at future date
3	03f	Determining Causes of Mortality in Moose Populations	DNR	Erika Butler	\$600,000					X	
4	03n	Mississippi River Central Minnesota Conservation Planning	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	Dennis Fuchs	\$175,000					X	- Match required - letters of commitment and details received but match not yet secured - Approve contingent upon match secured
5	04b	State Parks and Trails Land Acquisition	DNR	Jennifer Christie	\$3,000,000		yes			X	- State fee-title acquisitions
6	04d	Regional Park, Trail, and Connections Acquisition and Development Grants	DNR	Ronald Potter	\$2,000,000		yes			X	- Non-state fee-title acquisitions - local - Acquisitions part of adopted plans
7	04j1a	1a - Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP) - Phase VII - Coordination, Mapping & Data Management	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Joe Pavelko	\$55,000					X	- Approve contingent on ML 2010 appropriation expended or a plan to transition to ML 2011 appropriation is approved by LCCMR
8	04j2g	2g - Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP) - Phase VII - Restoration & Management - Wildlife Management Areas	DNR	Suzann Willhite	\$30,000					X	- Recommend informational presentation to Commission at future date - Approve contingent on ML 2010 appropriation expended or a plan to transition to ML 2011 appropriation is approved by LCCMR
9	04q	Restoration Strategies for Ditched Peatland Scientific and Natural Areas	DNR	Michele Walker	\$200,000	yes			yes	X	- Previously approved 06/23/11; need to re-approve due to oversight of use of classified staff - approve use of classified staff - Capital equipment: Data collection platforms and acoustic velocity meters for 3 automated monitoring stations (\$36,090)
10	04k	Natural and Scenic Area Acquisition Grants	DNR	Ron Potter	\$1,000,000	yes	yes			X	- Approve use of classified staff - Non-state fee-title acquisitions - local - Acquisitions part of adopted plans
11	05b2	Trout Stream Springshed Mapping in Southeast Minnesota - Phase III	U of MN	Calvin Alexander	\$280,000					X	- Approve contingent on receipt of final report for M.L. 2009 appropriation
12	8b	Minnesota Junior Master Naturalist Program	U of MN	Robert Blair	\$365,000					X	
13	Appropriations needing LCCMR approval of fee title or conservation easement acquisition lists - Presentations scheduled 08/11/2011										

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14	4i2.6+3.	2.6 / 3.3 - Metropolitan Conservation Corridors (MeCC) - Phase VI- Priority Expansion and Restoration MN Valley NW Refuge	MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.	Deborah Loon	\$600,000		yes				- Non-state fee-title acquisitions - federal - Commission review and approve fee title acquisition list - Approve contingent on ML 2010 appropriation expended or a plan to transition to ML 2011 appropriation is approved by LCCMR
15	4i2.7+3.	2.7 / 3.7 - Metropolitan Conservation Corridors (MeCC) - Phase VI - Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore Protection	Dakota County	Alan Singer	\$1,035,000			yes			- Non-state purchased easement acquisitions - county - Commission review and approve easement acquisition list
16	04i3.1	3.1 - Metropolitan Conservation Corridors (MeCC) - Phase VI - TPL's Critical Land Protection Program	The Trust for Public Land	Becca Nash	\$500,000		yes				- State and non-state fee-title acquisitions - state and local - Commission review and approve fee-title acquisition list - Approve contingent on ML 2010 appropriation expended or a plan to transition to ML 2011 appropriation is approved by LCCMR
17	04i3.2	3.2 - Metropolitan Conservation Corridors (MeCC) - Phase VI - Protect Significant Habitat by Acquiring Conservation Easements	Minnesota Land Trust	Sarah Strommen	\$400,000			yes			- Non-state donated and purchased easement acquisitions - Commission review and approve easement acquisition list and monitoring and enforcement fund - Approve contingent on ML 2010 appropriation expended or a plan to transition to ML 2011 appropriation is approved by LCCMR
18	04j3a	3a - Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP) - Phase VII - Shoreland Protection Program	Minnesota Land Trust	Sarah Strommen	\$450,000			yes			- Non-state donated and purchased easement acquisitions - Commission review and approve easement acquisition list and monitoring and enforcement fund - Approve contingent on ML 2010 appropriation expended or a plan to transition to ML 2011 appropriation is approved by LCCMR
19	04j3c	3c - Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP) - Phase VII - Shallow Lake Conservation Easements	Ducks Unlimited	Jon Schneider	\$500,000			yes			- Non-state purchased easement acquisition - Commission review and approve easement acquisition list and project selection criteria and process - Approve contingent on ML 2010 appropriation expended or a plan to transition to ML 2011 appropriation is approved by LCCMR
20	04j4a	4a - Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP) - Phase VII - WMA/WPA Acquisition beyond Boundaries	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Joe Pavelko	\$430,000		yes				- State and non-state fee-title acquisitions - state and federal - Commission review and approve fee-title acquisition list - Approve contingent on ML 2010 appropriation expended or a plan to transition to ML 2011 appropriation is approved by LCCMR

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21	04j4c	4c - Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP) - Phase VII - TPLs Critical Lands Protection Program	The Trust for Public Land	Robert McGillvray	\$490,000		yes				- State fee-title acquisitions - Commission review and approve fee-title acquisition list - Approve contingent on ML 2010 appropriation expended or a plan to transition to ML 2011 appropriation is approved by LCCMR
22	04j4h	4h - Habitat Conservation Partnership (HCP) - Phase VII - Priority Acquisition, MN Valley Wetland Management District	MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.	Deborah Loon	\$400,000		yes				- Non-state fee-title acquisitions - federal - Commission review and approve fee-title acquisition list - Approve contingent on ML 2010 appropriation expended or a plan to transition to ML 2011 appropriation is approved by LCCMR
23	Appropriations needing LCCMR approval - Presentation scheduled 08/11/2011										
24	3p	Species of Concern; Investigations (Part A: Minnesota Common Loons and American White Pelicans)	DNR	Carrol Henderson	\$500,000 (Part A = \$250,000)						- Approve Part A (Minnesota Common Loons and American White Pelicans); Part B (Breeding Bird Atlas) will be presented for approval at a later date
25	Appropriations with changes from LCCMR recommendation, work Plan not received as of August 9, 2011, or additional information needed/requested; Approval not recommended at this time; Tentative presentation and approval to be considered at a later date										
26	03o	Saint Croix Basin Conservation Planning and Protection	St. Croix River Association	Deb Ryun	\$120,000						- Match required - need letters of commitment and details - Revision requested but not received as of August 9, 2011
27	3p	Species of Concern; Investigations (Part B: Breeding Bird Atlas)	DNR/Audubon MN	Carrol Henderson	\$500,000 (Part B = \$250,000)						- Approve Part A (Minnesota Common Loons and American White Pelicans); Part B (Breeding Bird Atlas) will be presented for approval at a later date
28	8c	Experiential Environmental Education for Urban Youth	Hennepin County	Mary Karius	\$200,000						
29	10b	Contract Administration	DNR	Marcia Honold	\$175,000						- Revision requested but not received as of August 9, 2011 - Contingent on pass-through contracts in place
30	Appropriations not included in LCCMR recommendation; Work Plan not received as of August 9, 2011; Presentation to Commission needed; Approval will be considered at a later date										
31	09a	Minnesota Conservation Apprentice Academy	BWSR	Steve Woods	\$200,000						
32	09f	Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands Reserve Acquisition and Restoration Program Partnership	BWSR	Julie Blackburn	\$1,645,000						
33	Appropriations not included in LCCMR recommendation; Work Plan approval not required; Overview by DNR of work plans requested										

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Line #	Subd.	Title	Affiliation	Project Manager	\$ Appropriated	State Classified Staff	Fee Title Acquisition	Conservation Easements	Equipment over \$3,500	Consent Approval Staff Recmd	Staff Notes
<p>For the three appropriations below, the following language included in M.L. 2011, 1st Special Session, Ch. 2, Art. 3 applies:</p> <p>1. "not subject to Minnesota Statutes, sections 116P.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), and 116P.09, subdivision 4."</p> <p>- 116P.05, subd. 2, paragraph (b): "It is a condition of acceptance of the appropriations made from the Minnesota environment and natural resources trust fund, and oil overcharge money under section 4.071, subdivision 2, that the agency or entity receiving the appropriation must submit a work program and semiannual progress reports in the form determined by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources, and comply with applicable reporting requirements under section 116P.16. None of the money provided may be spent unless the commission has approved the pertinent work program."</p> <p>- 116P.09, subd. 4: "Persons who are employed by a state agency to work on a project and are paid by an appropriation from the trust fund are in the unclassified civil service, and their continued employment is contingent upon the availability of money from the appropriation. When the appropriation has been spent, their positions must be canceled and the approved complement of the agency reduced accordingly. Part-time employment of persons for a project is authorized. The use of classified employees is authorized when approved as part of the work program required by section 116P.05, subdivision 2, paragraph (c)."</p> <p>2. Subd. 13. Project Requirements, paragraph (a): "As a condition of accepting an appropriation under this section, any agency or entity receiving an appropriation or a party to an agreement from an appropriation must comply with paragraphs (b) to (k) and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, and must submit a work program and semiannual progress reports in the form determined by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources for any project funded in whole or in part with funds from the appropriation."</p>											
35	04a	State Park and Recreation Area Operations and Improvements	DNR	TBD	\$3,627,000						
36	09c	Chronic Wasting Disease and Animal Health	DNR	TBD	\$1,200,000						
37	09d	Aquatic Invasive Species	DNR	TBD	\$5,690,000						
<p>38 Appropriations with no changes from LCCMR recommendations; Work Plan approval not required; Overview by DNR of work plan requested</p>											
<p>For the one appropriation below, the following language included in M.L. 2011, 1st Special Session, Ch. 2, Art. 3 applies:</p> <p>Subd. 13. Project Requirements, paragraph (a): "As a condition of accepting an appropriation under this section, any agency or entity receiving an appropriation or a party to an agreement from an appropriation must comply with paragraphs (b) to (k) and Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P, and must submit a work program and semiannual progress reports in the form determined by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources for any project funded in whole or in part with funds from the appropriation."</p>											
40	4s	Land and Water Conservation Account (LAWCON) Federal Reimbursement	DNR	Ron Potter Stan Linnell	\$750,000						