

# LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES

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Susan Thornton, Director

## MINUTES

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

State Office Building, Room 10

St. Paul, MN 55155

**Members Present:** Jeff Broberg, Sen. Gary Dahms, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Bonnie Harper-Lore, Sen. John Hoffman, Gary Lamppa, Rep. Leon Lillie, Norman Moody, Rep. John Persell, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Paul Torkelson, Rep. Jean Wagenius,

**Staff Present:** S. Thornton, M. McDonough, M. Banker, D. Griffith

**Members Excused:** Sen. Kari Dziedzic, Rep. Dan Fabian, Sen. Torrey Westrom

**Co-Chair:** Nancy Gibson

### 1. Approve the minutes for June 4, 2014

Co-Chair Gibson started the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Dahms moved to approve the minutes for June 4, 2014 – motion prevailed.

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

**MS 116P.09 Subd 6 Conflict of interest.** A commission member, technical advisory committee member, a peer review panelist, or an employee of the commission may not participate in or vote on a decision of the commission, technical advisory committee, or peer review panel relating to an organization in which the member, panelist, or employee has either a direct or indirect personal financial interest. While serving on the commission, technical advisory committee, or peer review panel, or being an employee of the commission, a person shall avoid any potential conflict of interest.

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

### 3. Member recognition of Tom Cook (LCCMR member term 2010-2014) and John Herman (LCCMR member term 2006-2014)

### 4. Overview of DNR "Direct and Necessary" Cost Calculation-- Dave Schad, Deputy Commissioner DNR

Dave Schad, Deputy Commissioner DNR, explained the DNR Direct and Necessary expense calculator.

### 5. Continuation of 2014 ENRTF Work Plan Approvals

**M.L. 2014 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>

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Members reviewed the spreadsheet titled “M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval”. Commissioner Torkelson commended staff for their work with the City of Morton.

Commissioner Persell asked about accessibility in the project Subd. 07f “Minnesota River Water Trailhead and Landing in Morton”. Susan Thornton explained that there is language requiring compliance with Americans with Disability Act (ADA) in the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriations bill M.L. 2014, Chp. 226 under Sec.17 Accessibility.

MOTION: Commissioner Dahms moved to approve on the spreadsheet titled “M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval” Line 76, Subd. 07f “Minnesota River Water Trailhead and Landing in Morton” including the staff notes and the items needing specific work plan approval specified on the spreadsheet for certain work plans – motion prevailed.

### **6. Review ENRTF appropriations ending June 30, 2014 and final reports due**

Susan Thornton explained the sheet titled “Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund – Final Reports Due June 30, 2014”. These are all appropriations that will be completed by June 30, 2014. Ms. Thornton reminded members that these work plans are due in the office by August 15, 2014 and if members are interested in a site visit or presentation to let staff know.

### **7. Updates on items regarding ongoing appropriations**

Susan Thornton reviewed some ongoing work plan issues, and stated there will more discussion regarding conservation easements.

Members agree there should be a process to more comprehensively review conservation easements.

### **8. Confirm 2015 ENRTF Proposal Presentation Schedule as selected on June 4, 2014**

Susan Thornton reviewed the summary of 2015 ENRTF Proposals selected to present and the schedule for presentations.

### **9. ITEM REMOVED - Member review of request for Conservation Grazing on School Trust Lands in M.L. 2013, Chp. 52, Sec. 2, Subd. 04i “Conservation Grazing to Improve Wildlife Habitat on Wildlife Management Areas”, Mike Tenney,**

Susan Thornton explained M.L. 2013, Chp. 52, Sec. 2, Subd. 4i “Conservation Grazing on School Trust Lands” decided not to use trust fund dollars for grazing on school trust lands.

### **10. Update on the County Geologic Atlas Progress and the Arrowhead Pilot Project (M.L. 2010, Chp. 362, Sec. 2, Subd. 3a, M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 03b1, and M.L. 2013, Chp. 52, Sec. 2, Subd. 3b) – Dale Setterholm and Tony Runkel, Minnesota Geological Survey**

Dale Setterholm and Tony Runkel, Minnesota Geological Survey discussed the Arrowhead Pilot Project. See Attachment #1

Recessed at 11:48 a.m. Reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

### **11. Member review of amendment request M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j3c “HCP VII - Shallow Lake Conservation Easements” – Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited Inc.**

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Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited Inc., presented an overview of his amendment request for M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j3c.

MOTION: Commissioner Harper-Lore moved to approve the amendment request for M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 04j3c “HCP VII – Shallow Lake Conservation Easements” – motion prevailed.

**12. U of MN Overview of M.L. 2014, Chp. 312, Sec. 8 “Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center”, Brian Buhr, Dean CFANS U of MN**

Brian Buhr, Dean CFANS U of MN, presented an overview of the new Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center.

**13. Review of other State natural resource funds, Legislative Fiscal Staff**

Brad Hagemeyer, House Fiscal Analyst and Greg Knopff, Senate Lead Analyst discussed other Minnesota Environment related funds. (Attachment #2)

**14. Other business (as needed)**

**- Next steps in the process**

Commissioner Persell stated a correction in the minutes of June 4, 2014 under Item 2. “Members report potential conflicts of interest regarding today’s meeting” that the minutes be corrected to state “Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe” not “Leech Lake Board”. (Attachment #3)

Members asked staff to poll for new meeting dates in July for the LCCMR meeting for Allocations discussions.

**15. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

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## **Minnesota Geological Survey County Geologic Atlas Program Update: Arrowhead Pilot Project**

Dale Setterholm, Dr. Tony Runkel

Minnesota Geological Survey

June 10, 2014

### **Message:**

- Atlas Program achieving goals overall.
- Pilot Project undertaken in parts of St. Louis and Lake counties to determine what is needed, what methods are effective, and what will costs be for completing Part A of geologic atlases.
- Previous work has accomplished significant bedrock geologic mapping, surficial geologic mapping, and database compilation. All will need updating.
- There are many water issues, and water management activities that would benefit from atlases in these counties:
  - iron mining related
  - water supply- Biwabik IF
  - brackish waters, and low well yields
  - new mining and mineral processing
  - wellhead protection
  - documenting hydrologic conditions
- This is a challenging area for atlases because there is less readily available data, there are large areas with limited road access, the geologic features that control water movement are difficult to map.
- Pilot areas chosen to represent many of the data, cultural, and geologic settings present in this area (lots of data vs. very little, shallow and deep bedrock, roads vs. no roads, etc.).
- Goal is to:
  - understand and map controls on ground water flow rate and direction in glacial sediments and bedrock
  - document current water use (County Well Index)
  - connect regional mapping with site specific investigations
  - provide a common framework for related investigations of water, biology, and other natural resources.
- Specific needs
  - Glacial geology
    - Thickness, character, and inferred water-bearing characteristics

- Utilize existing drillholes, shallow and deep drilling, landform analysis, geophysical investigations, existing wells with hydrologic information
  - Bedrock geology
    - Shape and elevation of bedrock surface utilizing outcrops, drillholes, geophysics
    - Bedrock type by utilizing outcrops, drillholes, and geophysics
    - In many bedrock types of this region fractures host and transmit water
      - Fractures are difficult to map, and only some host significant flow
      - Other parties may need to test some fractures for flow characteristics and also test the system of fractures with multiple wells, pumping, and monitoring
  - Pilot study substantially achieved these goals. Greatest weakness is access to the subsurface in areas of thicker glacial sediment. This can be overcome in a more fully developed and supported project.
- Outcomes:
  - Atlases will improve water management in a variety of situations
  - Atlases will support many water related studies and improve their outcomes
  - Atlases will support more detailed studies of proposed mines and facilities and connect these studies to the broader landscape
- These atlases (Part A only) combined are estimated to cost \$2.8 million, or about 8 times the cost of a single typical county atlas:
  - Area is 20 times the area of a typical county
  - Data is relatively sparse and more data gathering is needed
  - Geologic setting is complex
  - \$2 million for 53,000 hours of effort
  - \$450,000 for contractor to drill 50 rotasonic holes (typical atlas gets 3-8 holes)
  - \$152,000 for vehicles and mileage (this may improve)
  - \$112,000 for food and lodging for personnel in field
  - \$38,000 in equipment and supplies
  - \$29,000 in laboratory analyses
- To move forward
  - Agreements with counties for in-kind service
  - Funding for project
  - Coordination with atlas work statewide (staffing, equipment)
- Current proposal (hearing next week) will get overall funding to desired threshold to finish work statewide in 14 years. These funds could be applied to Arrowhead atlases. Current funding could start projects.

## Other Minnesota Environment-Related Funds

### Accounts Funded

The House and Senate currently have committee structures with different jurisdictions. Based on the conference committee jurisdiction for the current biennium the accounts being funded through the environment, natural resources and agriculture area include:

- Department of Agriculture
- Board of Animal Health
- Agricultural Utilization Research Institute
- Department of Natural Resources
- Pollution Control Agency
- Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Minnesota Zoological Board
- Metropolitan Council Parks
- Conservation Corps of Minnesota
- Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota's Resources

### General Fund

The General Fund is the least restrictive on potential uses. Funding for the FY2014-15 biennium is \$325 million for the accounts listed above. This figure does not include payments for payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) which currently is included in the tax committees. The PILT payments for the FY2014-15 biennium are \$61.4 million.

### Capital Investment

The Capital Investment bills passed by the 2014 legislature include \$135.609 million in bonding and \$15.325 million in General Fund cash for the accounts in listed above. The funds are used for a variety of purposes such as: acquisition and development of parks and trails, facilities development, RIM acquisitions and easements, fish hatchery improvements, dam removal/repair/reconstruction, lake restoration and reclamation.

### Constitutionally Dedicated Legacy Funds (3/8 percent sales tax)

Outdoor Heritage Fund. Those funds "may be spent only to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forest and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife." The Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council makes annual recommendations to the Legislature for appropriating the money. *(FY2015 Appropriations: \$109.3 million)*

Clean Water Fund. Those funds may only be spent to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater from degradation. At least five percent of the clean water fund must be spent to protect drinking water sources. *(FY2015 Appropriations: \$100.1 million)*

Parks and Trails Fund. Those funds may only be spent to support parks and trails of regional or statewide significance. *(FY2015 Appropriations: \$42.6 million)*

Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund. Those funds may be spent to support arts, arts education and arts access, and to preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage. (*FY2015 Appropriations: \$58.6 million*)

### **Game and Fish Fund (DNR)**

The Game and Fish Fund is made up of the following accounts:

- Game and Fish Operations
- Game and Fish dedicated accounts (Deer and Bear Management, Emergency Deer Feeding and Wild Cervidae Health Management, Deer Habitat Improvement, Waterfowl Habitat Improvement, Trout and Salmon Management, Pheasant Habitat Improvement, Wild Rice Management, Wildlife Acquisition Surcharge, Wild Turkey Management, Walleye Stamp, Wolf Management and Monitoring)
- Heritage Enhancement (Lottery in-lieu of sales tax)
- Lifetime License Trust Fund
- Peace Officer Training Revenues

### Expenditures

Expenditures from the Game and Fish Operations account are used to manage, monitor and protect fish and wildlife resources; enforce game and fish laws; provide access to lakes, rivers and streams; and deliver administrative support across those programs. Authorized expenditures from the Game and Fish dedicated accounts are used for programs and purposes directly related to how the revenues are generated. For example, funds in the Trout and Salmon Management account are spent on species research, habitat improvement and trout and salmon stocking. Expenditures from the Heritage Enhancement Account are used to improve, enhance or protect fish and wildlife resources. The primary revenues into the Game and Fish Fund are from departmental earnings (mostly license fees) totaling \$66.5 million in FY 2015 and from Federal Grants through the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson funds totaling \$31 million in FY 2015. (*FY2015 Expenditures: \$105.4 million*)

### **Natural Resources Fund (mostly DNR)**

The Natural Resources Fund is made up of the following 21 accounts:

- Recreational Vehicles Accounts (watercraft, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and off-road vehicles)
- State Parks
- Land Acquisition
- Non-game Wildlife
- Lottery in-lieu-of-sales tax supported accounts (State Parks and Trails, Metro Regional Parks, Local Trail Grants, and Zoo Grants)
- State Parks (from park fees and annual passes)
- Off-Road Vehicle Damage
- State Land and Water Conservation(LAWCON)
- Cross Country Ski
- Forestry Management Investment
- Natural Resources Dedicated
- Minerals Management

- Invasive Species
- Mining Administration
- Water Management

### Expenditures

Expenditures from the Natural Resources Fund are used for programs and purposes directly related to how revenues are generated. The tax receipts from the sale of lottery tickets are spent in the DNR on state parks and trails, local trail grants, and grants to the zoos in Duluth and St. Paul. There are also direct appropriations from the Natural Resources Fund to the Metropolitan Council for the metro regional park system and to the Zoological Board for the state zoo. The primary revenue sources in FY2015 are: departmental earnings of \$53 million, Lottery In Lieu revenues of \$13.4 million and Unrefunded Gas Tax Revenue of \$21 million (*FY2015 Expenditures: \$97.3 million*)

### **Agricultural Fund**

The Agricultural Fund is made up of the following 23 accounts:

- Pesticide Regulatory
- Waste Pesticide
- Fertilizer Inspection
- Ag Chemical Response and Reimbursement
- Seed Inspection
- Grain Buyers and Storage
- Nursery-Phytosanitary
- Seed Potato Inspection
- Fruit and Vegetable Inspection
- Apiary
- Wholesale Produce Dealers
- Commercial Feed
- Dairy Services
- Food Handler Plan Review
- Food Handler Reinspection
- Beverage Inspection
- Commercial Canning
- Egg Law Inspection
- Laboratory Services
- Minnesota Grown
- Promotions Councils
- Livestock Weighing
- Agricultural Statistics

The Department of Agriculture is the only agency that receives funds from the Agricultural Fund. Expenditures from Agricultural Fund are used for programs and purposes directly related to how the revenues (typically fees) are generated. Of the 23 accounts listed above roughly half of revenues and expenditures are in Pesticide Regulatory Account and the Fertilizer Inspection



Account. Nearly all of the expenditures from the Agricultural Fund are statutorily appropriated to the Commissioner for the specified purposes.

*(FY2015 Expenditures: \$27.6 million)*

### **Agricultural Growth, Research and Innovation Program (General Fund, Dept of Agriculture)**

Authorized activities include the issuance of grants, loans, or other forms of financial assistance. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to, grants to livestock producers under the livestock investment grant program, bioenergy grants made the by the NextGen Energy Board under, cost share grants for the installation of biofuel blender pumps, and financial assistance to support other rural economic infrastructure activities. *(FY2015 Appropriations: \$9.2 million)*

### **Environmental Fund (mostly PCA)**

Major funding source for PCA operations and for the Remediation fund for site cleanup costs. Also funds SCORE grants and other monitoring programs at the PCA. Sources include: solid waste tax, motor vehicle transfer fee, air fees, hazardous waste fees, water quality/stormwater permit fees, landfill abatement fees, pollution prevention fees; fines and penalties. *(FY2015 Expenditures: \$76.5 million)*

### **Remediation Fund (mostly PCA)**

The purpose of the Remediation Fund is for response and corrective actions to address releases of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, agricultural chemicals, and petroleum, and for environmental response actions at qualified landfill facilities for which the agency has assumed such responsibility, including perpetual care of such facilities. The primary revenue source is a transfer from the Environmental Fund in the amount of \$24.15 million in FY2015. *(FY2015 Expenditures: \$38 million)*

### **Closed Landfill Investment Fund (mostly PCA)**

This fund was created by the legislature in 1999 with the purpose of setting aside money to be invested and provide for the post closure care of landfills in the Closed Landfill Program. There are currently 110 landfills in the Closed Landfill Program. The funds are not available to be expended until FY2020.

### **Federal Fund**

Agencies receive grants and work agreements with the federal government. Typically the legislature does not intervene with these funds. For the FY2014-15 biennium the Federal Fund expenditures total approximately \$100 million.

### **Special Revenue Fund**

The Special Revenue Fund is used for the collection and expenditure of various fees, revenues and work agreements for agencies that are not collected in one of the other dedicated funds or accounts. Expenditures from the Special Revenue Fund are typically statutorily appropriated. *(FY2015 Expenditures: \$82 million)*

**Gift Fund**

Used for gifts to agencies. The DNR and the Zoo account for almost all of the Gift Fund. These funds are statutorily appropriated. *(FY2015 Expenditures: \$3.6 million)*

**Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Fund**

The RIM Fund is used for the collection and expenditure of the donations to the RIM program through the sale of critical habitat license plates and other donations. *(FY2015 Expenditures: \$4.9 million)*

**Permanent School Fund**

The Permanent School Fund primarily is expended on education. The legislature does appropriate \$200,000 per year for accelerated land exchanges and \$200,000 per year for the School Trust Lands Director and Permanent School Fund Commission.

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**MINUTES – Revised 6/10/2014**

**Wednesday, June 4, 2014**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**State Office Building, Room 5**

**St. Paul, MN 55155**

**Members Present:** Jeff Broberg, Sen. Gary Dahms, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, William Faber, Rep. Dan Fabian, Nancy Gibson, Bonnie Harper-Lore, Sen. John Hoffman, Gary Lamppa, Rep. Leon Lillie, Norman Moody, Rep. John Persell, Sen. David Tomassoni, Rep. Paul Torkelson, Rep. Jean Wagenius, Sen. Torrey Westrom

**Staff Present:** S. Thornton, M. McDonough, M. Banker, D. Griffith

**Members Absent:**

**Co-Chair: Rep. Jean Wagenius**

Co-Chair Wagenius started the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Member introductions were given.

**1. Approve the minutes for December 10, 2013**

MOTION: Commissioner Torkelson moved the minutes for December 10, 2013 – motion prevailed.

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

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Co-Chair Wagenius reported a conflict of interest on ENRTF ID: 071-C “Be The Spark: Experiential Youth Development” because her husband is on the board of Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light and ENRTF ID: 096-E “Ending Minnesota Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Fossil Fuels” because she is a member of the Legislative Energy Commission. Members discussed and determined this was not a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Faber reported a conflict of interest for ENRTF ID: 031-A “Enhancing Future Forest Conservation Using Gullions Historic Research” and ENRTF ID: 058-B “Developing and Implementing Watershed-level Protection Strategies for Lakes” because he is employed by Central Lakes College. Mr. Faber also recused himself on ENRTF ID: 004-A “Endangered Bats, White-Nose Syndrome, and Forest Habitat”.

Commissioner Persell stated he is employed by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe but does not see this as a conflict of interest.

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**3. Update on LCCMR Appointments**

Commissioner Gibson suggested that an acknowledgement for former LCCMR Members - Tom Cook and John Herman at a future meeting and that letters from the LCCMR be drafted to recognize them.

**4. 2014 Legislative Session review - member discussion**

- **Update and discussion of the 2014 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriations**
- **Discussion of other legislation of interest**

Susan Thornton reviewed the 2014 Legislative Session Report. Members discussed the new Terrestrial Invasive Species Center funding and implementing language. Ms. Thornton explained there will be a work plan for the ENRTF funding for review at an upcoming meeting.

**5. 2014 ENRTF Work Plan Approvals**

**M.L. 2014 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>

- **Approval M.L. 2014 Work Plans**
- **Update on Peer Review for M.L. 2014 research appropriations**
- **Decide on 2014 work plans (if any) to be scheduled for review or presentation at a later date**

Susan Thornton explained the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval".

Members started discussions on Line 1 "Appropriations With No Changes From LCCMR recommendation - Staff Recommend Consent Approval" from the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval".

**MOTION:** Commissioner Moody moved to approve on the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval" from Lines 1 to 64 including the staff notes and the items needing specific work plan approval specified on the spreadsheet for certain work plans – motion prevailed.

Members continued discussions on Line 65 "Appropriations Needing LCCMR Review Prior To Approval Due To Various Factors" from the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval".

Ms. Thornton continued review of the spreadsheet on Line 65. Members discussed Line 66, Subd. 04a "Blocking Bighead, Silver, and other Invasive Carp by Optimizing Lock and Dams", Peter Sorensen, U of MN.

Members discussed Line 30, Subd. 05m "Moose Decline and Air Temperatures in Northeastern Minnesota", Mike Larson, MN DNR and the budget revisions noted on the spreadsheet.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Moody moved to approve on the spreadsheet titled "M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan

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Approval” Line 39 on page 5, ENRTF ID: 06h “Nutrient Capture Through Water Management and Biomass Harvesting”, Jeff Lewis, Red River Basin – motion prevailed.

Members discussed capital expenditures on Line 75, ENRTF ID: 08c “Demonstrating Innovative Technologies to Fully Utilize Wastewater Resources”, Roger Ruan, U of MN.

MOTION: Commissioner Persell moved to approve on the spreadsheet titled “M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval” Line 75, ENRTF ID: 08c “Demonstrating Innovative Technologies to Fully Utilize Wastewater Resources” , Roger Ruan, U of MN, including the staff notes and the items needing specific work plan approval specified on the spreadsheet and to add to the approval letter the following language “strong recommendation to use American made or fabrication in USA” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to approve on the spreadsheet titled “M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval” Line 76, Subd. 08e “Life Cycle Energy of Renewably Produced Nitrogen Fertilizers”, Joel Tallaksen, U of MN including the staff notes and the items needing specific work plan approval specified on the spreadsheet for certain work plans – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Harper-Lore moved to approve on the spreadsheet titled “M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval” Line 66, Subd. 04a “Blocking Bighead, Silver, and Other Invasive Carp by Optimizing Lock and Dams”, Peter Sorensen, U of MN including the staff notes and the items needing specific work plan approval specified on the spreadsheet for certain work plans – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Harper-Lore moved to have DNR present at the next LCCMR meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> on the “Direct & Necessary” calculations and hold off on these approvals.

Commissioner Gibson asked how the Outdoor Heritage Council funds Direct and Necessary expenses from the DNR. Bill Becker, Executive Director Outdoor Heritage Council, explained that they do pay direct and necessary expenses. Mr. Becker explained that they have had multiple meetings regarding Direct and Necessary Expenses and it is still being worked on. Mr. Becker referenced a Government Accounting Office Circular (GAO Circular number 122A) that lays out the appropriate way to deal with Direct and Necessary expenses and they are working with DNR to look at it. Members continued discussion on Direct and Necessary expenses. Commissioner Tomassoni asked about the authority of the LCCMR and whether by not approving a work plan halts the expenditure of the work plan. Commissioner Fabian recommended having another presentation from Mr. Jim Nobles, Office of the Legislative Auditor on the issue.

MOTION: Commissioner Harper-Lore moved to amend her motion to request DNR present an update on Direct and Necessary Expenses before the new proposal presentations and to approve on the spreadsheet titled “M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval” Lines 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, and 72 including the staff notes and the items needing specific work plan approval specified on the spreadsheet for certain work plans – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Tomassoni moved to adopt on the spreadsheet titled “M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan

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Approval” Line73 (ENRTF ID: 07c “Mesabi Trail Development – Soudan to Ely Segment”, Bob Manzoline, St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority) – motion prevailed.

Members decided to consider at a later date on page 5 Lines 43, 74, 78 and 79 on the spreadsheet titled “M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, and Chp. 312, Sec. 8 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Work Plan Approval”

#### 6. 2015 ENRTF Proposal Process

- **Select proposals received in response to the 2015 Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for further consideration and presentations to the LCCMR on June 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26 (as needed)**

Commissioner Wagenius asked members to review the Constitutional language for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and the implementing statute.

***Minnesota Constitution Art. XI, Sec. 14. Environment and Natural Resources Fund***

<http://www.lccmr.leg.mn/about/language-index.html>

*A permanent environment and natural resources trust fund is established in the state treasury. Loans may be made of up to five percent of the principal of the fund for water system improvements as provided by law. The assets of the fund shall be appropriated by law for the public purpose of protection, conservation, preservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources. The amount appropriated each year of a biennium, commencing on July 1 in each odd-numbered year and ending on and including June 30 in the next odd-numbered year, may be up to 5-1/2 percent of the market value of the fund on June 30 one year before the start of the biennium. Not less than 40 percent of the net proceeds from any state-operated lottery must be credited to the fund until the year 2025.*

*[Adopted, November 8, 1988; Amended, November 6, 1990; November 3, 1998]*

Members discussed other funds (i.e. ag fund, game & fish fund, park funds, legacy, commerce – energy, others). Commissioner Wagenius and Tomassoni agreed to have fiscal staff provide information at the next meeting.

#### 7. **Continue selection of proposals received in response to the 2015 Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for further consideration and presentations to the LCCMR on June 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26 (as needed)**

Members recessed at 11:15 a.m. Members reconvened at 11:40.

Members started discussions to review all the proposals receiving a member vote of 7 or higher on the green sheet spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”. Members also discussed how many presentation days to have. General consensus was to have five days of presentations for approximately 75 proposals.

Members started discussions with Funding Priority A. “Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information” on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Lines 2 - 14 with the exception of Line 10 (ID#: 012-A “Restoring Minnesota’s Apex

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Weasel, the Fisher”) under Category A. “Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information” – motion prevailed.

Members moved on to discussing Funding Priority B. “Water Resources” on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”.

MOTION: Commissioner Dziedzic moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Lines 35-39 under Category B. “Water Resources” – motion prevailed.

Members moved on to discussing Funding Priority C. “Environmental Education” on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”.

MOTION: Commissioner Dziedzic moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Lines 66, 67 and 68 under Category C. “Environmental Education”.

Commissioner Gibson moved to amend Commissioner Dziedzic motion to remove Line 68 – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Dziedzic renewed her motion to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Lines 66 and 67 under Category C. “Environmental Education” - motion prevailed.

Members moved on to discussing Funding Priority D. “Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species” on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”.

MOTION: Commissioner Dziedzic moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Lines 85-91 under Category D. “Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species” – motion prevailed.

Members moved on to discussing Funding Priority E. “Air Quality, Climate Change, and Renewable” on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Lines 101-102 under Category E. “Air Quality, Climate Change, and Renewable Energy” – motion prevailed.

Members moved on to discussing Funding Priority F. “Methods to Protect, Restore, and Enhance Land, Water, and Habitat” on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”.

MOTION: Commissioner Dziedzic moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Lines 123-127 under Category F. “Methods to Protect, Restore, and Enhance Land, Water, and Habitat” - motion prevailed.

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Members moved on to discussing Funding Priority G. “Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation” on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Lines 143-149 under Category G. “Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation” - motion prevailed.

Members moved on to discussing Funding Priority H. “Pass-thru Contract Management” on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”.

MOTION: Commissioner Broberg moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 160 under Category H. “Pass-thru Contract Management” - motion prevailed.

Staff informed members that as of the most recent motions there are 41 proposals selected for \$59 million dollars. Members began to review the proposal spreadsheet again for possible presentation selection.

Members re-reviewed Funding Priority A. “Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information” on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”.

MOTION: Commissioner Dziedzic moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 15 (ID #: 009-A “Effects of Grazing Versus Fire for Prairie Management”) under Category A. “Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Persell moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 23 (ID#: 018-A “Goblin Fern: Habitat Mitigation for Species Conservation”) under Category A. “Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Wagenius moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 18 (ID#: 016-A “Turtle Population Dynamics in an Urban Lake”) under Category A. “Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 16 (ID#: 013-A “Genetic and Camera Techniques to Estimate Carnivore Populations”) under Category A. “Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Broberg moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 17 (ID#: 027-A “LiDAR for Wildlife in Northeastern Minnesota”) under Category A. “Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 24 (ID#: 024-A “Hydrologic Effects of Contemporary Forest Practices in



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Minnesota”) under Category A. “Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Harper-Lore moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 19 (ID#: 020-A “A Foundational Dataset Characterizing Historic Forest Disturbance Impacts”) under Category A. “Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information” – motion prevailed.

Members re-reviewed Funding Priority B. “Water Resources” on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”.

MOTION: Commissioner Wagenius moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 56 (ID#: 045-B “Using Hydroacoustics to Monitor Sediment in Minnesota’s Rivers”) under Category B. “Water Resources” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Fabian moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 46 (ID#: 048-B “Achieving Minnesota’s Groundwater Sustainability Through Irrigation Efficiencies”) under Category B. “Water Resources” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Harper-Lore moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 43 (ID#: 060-B “Shoreview Water Consumption and Groundwater Awareness Project”) under Category B. “Water Resources” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Broberg moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 40 (ID#: 037-B “Subsurface Drainage Impacts on Groundwater Recharge: Southeast Minnesota”) under Category B. “Water Resources” – motion prevailed.

Members re-reviewed Funding Priority C. “Environmental Education” on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”.

MOTION: Commissioner Harper-Lore moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 73 (ID#: 073-C “Splash Screen: SciGirls Exploring Watersheds Using Mobile Technologies”) under Category C. “Environmental Education” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Wagenius moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 74 (ID#: 074-C “Water Journey Camps”) under Category C. “Environmental Education” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Broberg moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 69 (ID#: 066-C “Connecting Students with Watersheds through Hands-On Learning”) under Category C. “Environmental Education” – motion prevailed.

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Members re-reviewed Funding Priority D. “Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species” on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”.

MOTION: Commissioner Broberg moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 92 (ID#: 088-D “Forecasting Microbial Invasions: Muskie Pox and VHS Virus”) under Category D. “Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Persell moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 106 (ID#: 116-E “Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Solid Waste”) under Category E. “Air Quality, Climate Change, and Renewable Energy” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 103 (ID#: 105-E “Optimizing Environmental and Economic Value of Harvested Cattails”) under Category E. “Air Quality, Climate Change, and Renewable Energy” – motion withdrawn.

MOTION: Commissioner Dziedzic moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 107 (ID#: 096-E “Ending Minnesota Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Fossil Fuels”) under Category E. “Air Quality, Climate Change, and Renewable Energy” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 105 (ID#: 108-E “Assessing Environmental Impact of Wind Turbines in Minnesota”) under Category E. “Air Quality, Climate Change, and Renewable Energy” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 113 (ID#: 114-E “Duluth Steam Energy Efficiency Project”) under Category E. “Air Quality, Climate Change, and Renewable Energy” – motion withdrawn.

MOTION: Commissioner Faber moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 104 (ID#: 112-E “In-Woods Biomass Drying to Increase Energy Value”) under Category E. “Air Quality, Climate Change, and Renewable Energy” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Dziedzic moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 129 (ID#: 122-F “Conservation Assistance Acceleration Project”) under Category F. “Methods to Protect, Restore, and Enhance Land, Water, and Habitat” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Tomassoni moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 130 (ID#: 124-F “Prioritizing Walleye Spawning Habitat Restoration in Minnesota Lakes”) under Category F. “Methods to Protect, Restore, and Enhance Land, Water, and Habitat” – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 132 (ID#: 127-F “Empowered Citizens Improve 5 Urban Forests: Statewide

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Modely7") under Category F. "Methods to Protect, Restore, and Enhance Land, Water, and Habitat" – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled "2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" Line 128 (ID#: 121-F "MeCC VIII: Restoration for Climate Resilience, Pollinators, Working Lands ") under Category F. "Methods to Protect, Restore, and Enhance Land, Water, and Habitat" – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled "2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" Line 131 (ID#: 126-F "MeCC VIII: FMR Restoring Prairie and Forest Habitat ") under Category F. "Methods to Protect, Restore, and Enhance Land, Water, and Habitat" – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled "2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" Line 134 (ID#: 129-F "Shoreland Protection for the Lower St. Croix River ") under Category F. "Methods to Protect, Restore, and Enhance Land, Water, and Habitat" – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Tomassoni moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled "2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" Line 133 (ID#: 128-F "Flood Recovery on Sargent Creek Duluth Habitat Restoration ") under Category F. "Methods to Protect, Restore, and Enhance Land, Water, and Habitat" – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Hoffman reverted back to Category B and moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled "2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" Line 45 (ID#: 047-B "Southeastern Minnesota Cover Crop and Soil Health Initiatives ") under Category B. "Water Resources" – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Moody moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled "2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" Line 157 (ID#: 149-G "Enhanced Access to Isolated State Lands ") under Category G. "Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation" – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Harper-Lore moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled "2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" Line 152 (ID#: 151-G "Preserving Old-Growth Forests on School Lands ") under Category G. "Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation" – motion withdrawn.

MOTION: Commissioner Gibson moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled "2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" Lines 151, 153, 154, 155, and 156 under Category G. "Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation" – motion prevailed.

MOTION: Commissioner Dahms moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled "2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals" Line 137 (ID#: 135-F "Redwood/Renville County Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Master Plan ") under Category F. "Methods to Protect, Restore, and Enhance Land, Water, and Habitat" – motion prevailed.

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MOTION: Commissioner Moody reverted back to Category A and moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 21 (ID#: 031-A “Enhancing Future Forest Conservation Using Gullions Historic Research”) under Category A. “Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information” – motion prevailed.

Members re-reviewed Funding Priority G. “Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation” on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals”.

MOTION: Commissioner Harper-Lore moved to call in for presentation on the spreadsheet titled “2015 – LCCMR Member Presentation Selection Rankings: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Proposals” Line 150 (ID#: 140-G “Protecting the Pineland Sands Aquifer”) under Category G. “Land Acquisition for Habitat and Recreation” – motion withdrawn.

Members completed the selection of proposals to call in for a presentation totaling 76 proposals for approximately \$74.9 million dollars.

**8. Member discussion of LCCMR 2014 Calendar including LCCMR site visit on July 29 - 30 (Southeast MN)**

Susan Thornton discussed the next meetings on June 10 and 11. Ms. Thornton suggested meeting on June 10 and canceling the June 11 meeting.

Staff handed out a sheet titled “LCCMR Site Visit to Southeast Minnesota” regarding ideas for the site visit on July 29-30.

Commissioner Torkelson recommended requesting a local well driller to discuss proper construction of wells and the importance of the proper maintenance. Commissioner Wagenius requested contacting the MN Department of Health to discuss well-head protection.

Commissioner Faber suggested Trout Stream Restoration efforts.

Members decided to schedule five days for presentations (June 17, 18, 19, 24 and 25) and to cancel June 26, 2014.

Members returned back to Agenda Item 5 regarding peer review. Michael McDonough gave a brief overview of the process for the 2014 ENRTF Research Proposals.

**9. Other business (as needed)**

- Next steps in the process

**10. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.