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Revised – 6/10/2015 – Room Change #2**Agenda****Thursday, June 11, 2015****9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.****Basement State Office Building****St. Paul, MN 55155****Co-Chair: Nancy Gibson**

- 9:00 a.m. 1. Approve the minutes for December 9, 2014
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.
3. Introduction of LCCMR members
- 9:15 a.m. 4. LCCMR Business Items
- 2015 Legislative Session Report
- o H.F. 390 and S.F. 698 the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) Bill – M.L. 2015, Chp. 76
- o Review of other legislative action of interest
- Review LCCMR Executive Committee Election process (see Agenda Item # 5)
- Overview of the Biennial Report submitted January 15, 2015
- Review LCCMR 2015 calendar
- Update on LCCMR 2016 ENRTF Request for Proposals (RFP)
- 10:00 a.m. 5. Election of Executive Committee (Procedures attached)
- 3 Co-Chairs (House/Senate/Non-legislative)
- 3 Co- Vice Chairs (House/Senate/Non-legislative)
- 10:30 a.m. 6. Amendment request and update on M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 5m, "Moose Decline and Air Temperatures in Northeastern Minnesota", Mike Larson, MN DNR, \$600,000. Project due to be completed: 6/30/2017
- Related ENRTF funded moose projects:
- M.L. 2014, Chp. 226, Sec. 2, Subd. 05l, "Impacts of Forest Quality on Declining Minnesota Moose", James Forester, U of MN, \$300,000 - project due to be completed 6/30/2017

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- M.L. 2013, Chp. 52, Sec. 2, Subd. 04g, "Moose Habitat Restoration in Northeastern Minnesota", Ron Moen, U of MN - NRRI, \$200,000 - project due to be completed 6/30/2016
- M.L. 2011, First Special Session, Chp. 2, Art. 3, Sec. 2, Subd. 03f, "Determining Causes of Mortality in Moose Populations", Michelle, Carstensen, MN DNR, \$600,000 - project due to be completed 6/30/2015
- 11:00 a.m. 7. Dakota County amendment request to amend acquisition list to include fee-title acquisition in addition to acquisition of conservation easements, Dakota County
 - M.L. 2013, Chp. 52, Sec. 2, Subd. 04d2.6/3.7, "MeCC7 Dakota County Lakeshore and Riparian Protection", \$368,000, Dakota County
- 11:15 a.m. 8. DNR request for partial release of Brainerd Lakes Conservation Easement (see letter dated March 13, 2015). Action required per M.S. 116P.15, DNR.
 - M.L. 2003, Chp. 128, Art. 1, Sec. 9, Subd. 05a, "Restoring Minnesota's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridors Phase II Habitat Corridors Partnership", \$145,000, MN DNR
- 11:30 a.m. 9. DNR request for DNR lease for water drainage on ENRTF funded land. Action required per M.S. 116P.15, DNR
 - M.L. 2008, Chp. 367, Sec. 2, Subd. 03c4a "HCP V - Critical Lands Conservation Initiative (4a)", Pheasants Forever, \$350,000, DNR (subsequently transferred to DNR)
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. 10. Discussion and Overview of Wildlife and Avian Flu – U of M Raptor Center and College of Veterinary Medicine – Juli Ponder
- 1:00 p.m. 11. M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, ENRTF work plan approval
 M.L. 2015 ENRTF work plan approval and action. Proposed work plans, as available, can be viewed at <http://www.lccmr.leg.mn>
 - A. Appropriations with no changes from LCCMR recommendation – Staff recommend consent approval. Approval M.L.2015 ENRTF work plans – Consent agenda spreadsheet with consent recommendations and specific project requirements needing LCCMR action with approval. Spreadsheet Lines 1 to 45.
Criteria for Consent Agenda: No legislative changes, identified staff issues or proposed changes from the proposal.
 - o Any member may designate any work program for hearing, thus removing it from Consent Agenda. Approval will then be scheduled for a later date.
- 1:30 p.m. B. Appropriations needing LCCMR review prior to approval due to various factors – for consideration on 6/11/15. (See spreadsheet notes) Spreadsheet Lines 46 to 57.
 - 1. Presentation:
 Review for approval - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09k, "Conservation Easement Assessment and Valuation System Development", Bonnie Keeler, U of MN, \$250,000 (LCCMR Dec. 2014 Action) Spreadsheet Line 57
- 1:45 p.m. 2. Presentation:

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- 2:15 p.m.
- Update on M.L. 2014, Chp. 312, Sec. 8, "Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center", Rob Venette, U of MN, \$1,450,000 and review for approval M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 06a, "Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Species Research Center", Rob Venette, U of MN, \$5,000,000 (Review Priorities and Progress) Spreadsheet Line 50
3. Review for Approval – see spreadsheet comments
- M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 03e, "Updating the National Wetland Inventory for Minnesota – Phase V", Steve Kloiber, MN DNR, \$1,500,000 – Line 47
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 03h, "Reintroduction and Interpretation of Bison in Minnesota State Parks", Edward Quinn, MN DNR, \$600,000 – Line 48
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 03i, "Endangered Bats, White-Nose Syndrome, and Forest Habitat", Richard Baker, MN DNR, \$1,250,000 – Line 49
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 08g, "Minnesota State University Moorhead Prairie and Riparian Restoration and Monitoring", Brian Wisenden, Moorhead State University, \$527,000 – Line 51
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09a, "State Parks and State Trails Land Acquisition", Jennifer Christie, MN DNR, \$1,500,000 – Line 52
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09b, "Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition – Phase IV", Jan Youngquist, Metropolitan Council, \$1,000,000 – Line 53
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09c, "SNA Acquisition, Restoration, Enhancement and Public Engagement", Peggy Booth, MN DNR, \$4,000,000 – Line 54
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09e, "Metro Conservation Corridors Phase VIII – Coordination and Mapping and Conservation Easements, Kris Larson, Minnesota Land Trust, \$515,000 – Line 55
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09g, "Metro Conservation Corridors Phase VIII – Priority Expansion of Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge", Deborah Loon, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$500,000 – Line 56
- 2:45 p.m.
- C. Appropriations needing LCCMR review prior to approval due to various factors – to be called in for presentations on 6/25/15. Staff recommended LCCMR work plan review (not on consent agenda). To be scheduled on June 25, 2015 or later. Spreadsheet Lines 58 to 65.
- M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 3b, "County Geologic Atlas – Part B", Jan Falteisek, MN DNR, \$2,000,000 (Update needed on progress) – Line 59
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 3c, "Minnesota Biological Survey", Bruce Carlson, MN DNR, \$2,450,000 ("Direct and Necessary" LCCMR action) – Line 60
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 3k, "Movement and Seasonal Habitat Use of Minnesota Elk", Gino D'Angelo, MN DNR, \$200,000 (Member request to review proposed research) – Line 61

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- M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 04d, “Preventing Phosphorous from Entering Water Resources through Drain Tiles”, Kenneth Valentas, U of MN, \$505,000 (LCCMR Action July 2014) – Line 62
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09d, “Native Prairie Stewardship and Prairie Bank Easement Acquisition”, MN DNR, \$3,325,000 (Review Easement monitoring and enforcement account and allocation) – Line 63
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 09f, “Metro Conservation Corridors – Phase VIII Strategic Lands Protection”, Robert McGillivray, The Trust for Public Land, \$750,000 (Review current reporting status and proposed acquisition) – Line 64
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd 09j, “Multi-benefit Watershed Scale Conservation on North Central Lakes”, Dan Steward (BWSR) and Lindsey Ketchel (Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation), \$896,000 (Review Easement monitoring and enforcement account and allocation) – Line 65
- 3:00 p.m. D. Appropriation with plan to be reviewed at later date or on June 25, 2015 – to be determined. Spreadsheet Lines 66 to 69.
- M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 05a, “Trap Shooting Sports Facility”, MN DNR, \$132,000 (New – added by Legislature) – Line 67
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 08h, “Improving Community Forests Through Citizen Engagement”, Ken Holman, MN DNR, \$800,000 (Legislative change of lead agency from MPCA to MN DNR) – Line 68
 - M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 10, “Emerging Issues Account”, \$1,000,000, (LCCMR Procedures attached – New Legislative addition) – Line 69
- 3:15 p.m. 12. Other business
- Next LCCMR Site Visit date - June 16-17, 2015 – Southeast Minnesota
 - Next LCCMR meeting date – June 25, 2015
- 4:00 p.m. 13. Adjourn